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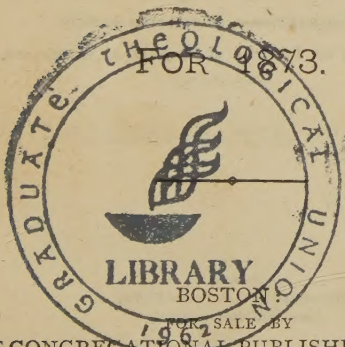

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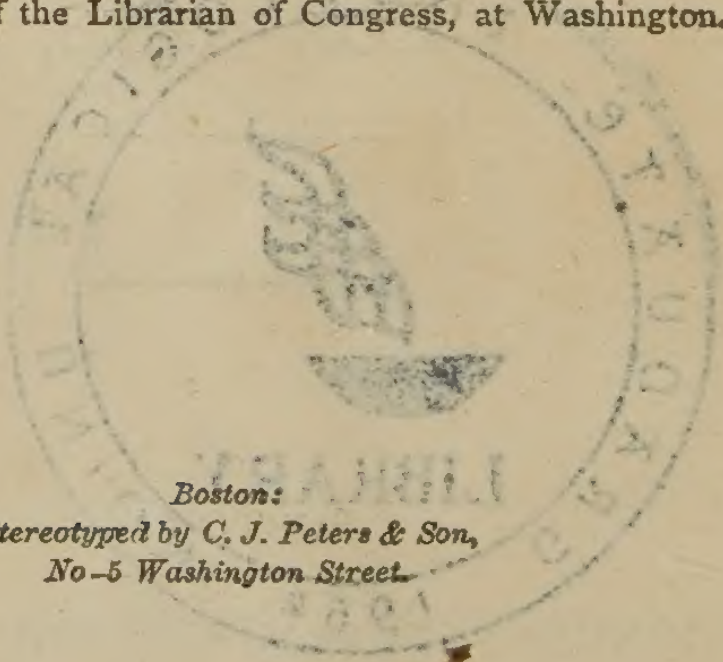

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FIRST QUARTER.

LESSON I.

Jan. 5, 1873.

The Creation. Gen. 1 : 26–31.

Golden Text. — "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. . . . All things were made by him." — John 1 : 1, 3.

1. Who existed before the universe was formed? v. 1.

2. Had God himself a beginning? Ps. 90 : 2.

3. How were the heaven and earth made? Ps. 33 : 9.

4. What is here meant by *in the beginning?* Prov. 8 : 26–29.

5. What is here meant by the term *heaven?* Ps. 8 : 3.

6. What was the last creation of God? v. 26.

7. Was he directly created by God? or did he spring from a creature already made? v. 26.

8. What is implied in the expression, Let US make man? Comp. John 1: 1–3 with Gen. 1: 2.

9. What is here meant by the *image and likeness* of God? Rom. 8: 29.

10. Are we now born in this image? 2 Cor. 5: 17; Col. 3: 9–10.

11. Can we reach heaven without it? John 3: 3.

12. With what power did God intrust man? v. 26.

13. Does this give man a right to abuse the lower orders of creation?

14. Was woman also created in the image of God? v. 27.

15. Do they hold an equal accountability to God?

16. Having made man, what did God do for him? v. 28.

17. What did he enjoin upon him? v. 28.

18. Is it, then, the will of God that every part of the earth should be explored, and be made to minister to the good of the race?

19. Has sin affected the dominion of man over the brute creation? Isa. 11: 6.

20. Did all men spring from one pair? 1 Cor. 15: 22.

21. What did God appoint to be the food of man? v. 29.

22. When was an addition made to the food of man? Gen. 9: 3.

23. Can you think of any reason why the flesh of animals was not given at first?

24. For what purpose did Abel keep sheep?

25. What was to be the food of other living creatures? v. 30.

26. Did they then prey upon each other at this time?

27. How did God's completed work appear to him? v. 31.

28. What great lessons about the Creator does the Bible account of the creation teach?

LESSON II.

Jan. 12.

In Eden. Gen. 2: 15–25.

GOLDEN TEXT. — "Thou crownedst him with glory and honor, and didst set him over the works of thy hands." — Heb. 2: 7.

1. What and where was Eden? v. 8.
2. What is here meant by the term *garden?*
3. What grew in this garden? v. 9.
4. Is the *tree of life* and the *tree of knowledge of good and evil* the same? v. 9, 17.
5. What is the signification of these terms in relation to the tree in the garden?
6. For what purpose did God place man in Eden? v. 15.
7. Why do you think it was made necessary for man to labor in Eden?
8. Is simple labor the curse of sin? Chap. 3: 17–19.
9. How would Adam discover how to dress and keep the garden?
10. What permission did God give him? v. 16.

11. What prohibition did he enjoin upon him? v. 17.

12. How did God enforce this command? v. 17.

13. Why was this prohibition made?

14. Was the command unreasonable?

15. Did Adam lack any thing without the fruit of this tree to make him happy?

16. By what test are we now placed upon trial? John 3 : 14–16.

17. What advantages have we over our first parents in our form of trial?

18. What is here meant by *thou shalt surely die?* 2 Cor. 5 : 14.

19. What did God say of man's solitary condition? v. 18.

20. What did he determine to do? v. 18.

21. What had he already formed, and how? v. 19.

22. How had he developed Adam's mind? v. 19.

23. Where did Adam obtain his knowledge of language to give these names?

24. How widely did this work extend? v. 20.

25. How was Adam distinguished from all these? v. 20.

26. Why is this mentioned in connection with his naming the animals?

27. How was woman created? v. 21–22.

28. Why was Eve made from man, and not from the dust?

29. Is there any thing significant in her being formed from his side?

30. Who solemnized the first marriage?

31. What did Adam say of his new gift? v. 23.

32. What was enjoined in reference to marriage? v. 24.

33. What is meant by their being *one flesh?*

34. Is this divine union necessary to a true marriage, as well as the civil ceremony?

LESSON III.

Jan. 19.

The Fall and the Promise. Gen. 3 : 1–8, 15.

Golden Text. — "As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous." — Rom. 5 : 19.

1. Who approached the woman to tempt her? v. 1.

2. What is said of this beast? v. 1.

3. How did he open his temptation? v. 1.

4. Was the serpent himself the tempter? John 8 : 44; 2 Cor. 11 : 3; 1 John 3 : 8.

5. Whom did he in after-times approach to tempt? Matt. 4 : 1.

6. How did he *speak* to Eve?

7. Does the Tempter now come to us in his own form? 2 Cor. 11 : 14.

8. How only can we escape him? James 4 : 7.

9. What was the force of his question? v. 1.

10. What was the woman's response? v. 2, 3.

11. Is it safe to discuss the matter after conscience decides a course to be wrong?

12. How did the Tempter open his attack again? v. 4, 5.

13. Do we not in these days hear the same doctrine? — The sinner shall not surely die.

14. Of what does he indirectly accuse God? v. 5.

15. What is meant by *be as gods, knowing good and evil?*

16. What did the woman now notice? v. 6.

17. What did she then do? v. 6.

18. How did Jesus treat the Devil when he came to him? Matt. 4 : 10.

19. Was it any excuse for Adam that his wife urged him to do wrong?

20. What happened the moment they sinned? v. 7.

21. Was the result what the Devil promised?

22. What is always the end of sin? Prov. 23: 32.

23. Why had they not noticed their nakedness before?

24. Could they cover their sin?

25. How are we affected by this sin of Adam? Rom. 5: 14, 15.

26. How only are we saved from its consequences?

27. Who now entered the garden? v. 8.

28. How were its occupants affected? v. 8.

29. Had they sought to hide from God heretofore?

30. What is meant by the *voice of the Lord walking?*

31. What will always make God's voice terrible to us?

32. Could any thing cover them from God?

33. What did God say in reference to the serpent? v. 15.

34. What should happen to him and to the woman's seed?

35. Does this refer literally to the serpent?

36. What *seed* is here meant?

37. When did the serpent *bruise his heel?*

38. How does this *seed bruise the serpent's head?*

39. Of what is this the first prophecy?

LESSON IV.

Jan. 26.

Cain and Abel. Gen. 4: 3–10.

GOLDEN TEXT. — "Ye are come . . . to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaketh better things than that of Abel."— Heb. 12: 22, 24.

1. What offering did Cain bring to the Lord? v. 3.

2. What is meant by the *fruit of the ground?*

3. What by bringing an offering *unto the Lord?*

4. What did Abel bring for his offering? v. 4.

5. How did God regard his gift?

6. What are meant by *firstlings of the flock?*

7. Would they have brought offerings if God had not required it?

8. What was the offering intended to signify?

9. How may God have shown his acceptance? 1 Chron. 21: 26.

10. How did God regard Cain and his offering? v. 6.

11. How was Cain affected by this?

12. What was lacking in Cain's offering? Heb. 11: 4, and 9: 22.

13. Who may be said in our days to bring simply the offering of Cain before God?

14. What should we bring in the place of Abel's lamb? Heb. 9: 12–14.

15. With whom was Cain really angry?

16. How did the Lord address him? v. 6, 7.

17. Was any special personal favor shown to Abel?

18. Had Cain as favorable an opportunity to do God's will?

19. What is meant by sin *lying at his door?*

20. What by, *unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him?*

21. Where did Cain have a conference with Abel? v. 8.

22. What did they probably discuss?

23. Are not religious controversies liable to become violent?

24. What did Cain finally do?

25. Why did he kill him? 1 John 3: 12.

26. Who was the first human occupant of heaven?

27. What is hate liable to lead to? 1 John 3: 15.

28. What did the Lord say to Cain? v. 9, 10.

29. Why did God ask these questions?

30. What had so hardened the heart of Cain?

31. What is the meaning of the blood of Abel crying unto God from the ground?

32. What should we learn from this sad story?

LESSON V.

Feb. 2.

Noah and the Ark. Gen. 6: 13–18.

GOLDEN TEXT. — "By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith." — Heb. 11: 7.

1. Whose son was Noah? Chap. 5: 28, 29.

2. From whom could Lamech have heard the story of Eden?

Ans. From Adam himself, who lived until he was fifty-six years old: so that Noah could have learned it from his father, directly from the first man himself.

3. Were there many people upon the earth in the days of Noah? Chap. 6: 1.

4. What was their character? v. 5.

5. How long space did God give them to repent? v. 3.

6. What did God say to Noah? v. 13.

7. How many years was this after the creation of Adam?

8. What is meant by the expression, the end of *all flesh* is come before me?

9. What by, I will destroy them *with the earth?*

10. What did he command Noah to make? v. 14.

11. Of what kind of wood was it probably made?

12. Why was it covered with pitch?

13. What was to be the size of the ark? v. 15.

14. Can you give the size in English feet?

15. How does it compare with modern ships?

16. How were light and entrance to be secured? v. 16.

17. How was the roof to be made? v. 16.

18. What did God say he was about to do? v. 17.

19. How extensive was the destruction by the flood to be?

20. What is signified by the expression, *I, even I, do bring?*

21. What would he establish with Noah? v. 18.

22. Who should accompany him into the ark? v. 18.

23. Would any one have been refused admission if he had sought it during the one hundred and twenty years of probation?

24. Did it call from Noah and his family any courage and faith to build this ark? Heb. 11: 7.

25. Of whom is the ark a figure?

26. How do we secure a refuge in him?

27. When is God's time to enter into this refuge?

28. What must be the result if we remain without this shelter?

LESSON VI.

Feb. 9.

The Bow in the Cloud. Gen. 9 : 8–17.

GOLDEN TEXT. — "I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth." — Gen. 9 : 13.

1. How long did Noah remain in the ark? Comp. chap. 7 : 11 with chap. 8 : 14.

2. How did Noah know when the waters had abated? Chap. 8 : 10, 11.

3. How did he know when to leave the ark? Chap. 8 : 15, 16.

4. What was the first act of Noah upon his deliverance? Chap. 8 : 20.

5. How did this act affect the Lord? Chap. 8 : 1, 22.

6. What does this teach as to the value of the prayers of pious persons in any community?

7. To whom did God now speak? v. 8.

8. How do you suppose God spake to Noah? Comp. chap. 18 : 1–3.

9. With whom would he establish his covenant? v. 9, 10.

10. What is here meant by a *covenant?*

11. What was this covenant? v. 11.

12. By what means will the earth's destruction hereafter be effected? 2 Pet. 3: 7.

13. Will the destruction at this time be as extensive as at the flood? 2 Pet. 3: 10–12.

14. Will the same doubt of God's judgments exist then as at the hour of the deluge? 2 Pet. 3: 3–6.

15. What provision will then be made for those that love and obey God? 2 Pet. 3: 13.

16. What sign have we that the Lord will remember such in that day? 1 Cor. 11: 26.

17. What token did he give that there should be no more utter destruction by a flood? v. 12, 13.

18. What *bow* is this?

19. How is it formed?

20. When does it appear?

21. Was this the first time it appeared?

22. What is meant by the expression, *I will set my bow in the cloud?*

23. What will God remember? v. 14.

24. What would be the result? v. 15.

25. Whose eye besides man's looks upon the rainbow? v. 16.

26. What did God say the bow should be? v. 17.

27. What lesson should the rainbow teach us?

LESSON VII.

Feb. 16.

Confusion of Tongues. Gen. 11: 1–9.

GOLDEN TEXT. — "He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts." — Luke 1: 51.

1. How long did Noah live after the flood? Chap. 9: 28.

2. How old was he when he died? Chap. 9: 29.

3. What were the names of his sons? Chap. 10: 1.

4. What nations have descended from Shem?

5. What, from Ham?

6. What, from Japhet?

7. Have all the present inhabitants of the world descended from these? Chap. 10: 32.

8. What is said of the language of the earth at this time? v. 1.

9. What, probably, was this language?

10. What is meant by the term the *whole earth?*

11. From whence, and whither, did Noah's family journey? v. 2.

12. What is meant by from the East? Chap. 8: 4.

13. Where was the land of Shinar?

14. Down the valley of what river did they probably journey?

15. What did they proceed to manufacture? v. 3.

16. Why did they not use stone?

17. What was this *slime?*

18. To what use would they put their bricks? v. 4.

19. What was the object of this city and tower? v. 4.

20. How would this prevent their being scattered?

21. What is meant by its *reaching unto heaven?* Deut. 1: 28.

22. What is meant by *let us make us a name?*

23. What is the true way to make an honorable name?

24. What is the value of such a name? Prov. 22: 1.

25. What notice did the Lord take of their work? v. 5.

26. What is meant by *the Lord came down?*

27. Does any act of our lives escape his eye?

28. What did God say of the work? v. 6.

29. How would the fact of their being *one* aid in securing this?

30. What would be the probable character of their purposes? Chap. 8: 21.

31. What did the Lord determine to do? v. 7.

32. What is meant by *let us go down?*

33. What by the term *confound* their language?

34. How would this put an end to their work?

35. What was the result? v. 8.

36. How could it be said the *Lord scattered* them?

37. What name was given to the city and tower? v. 9.

38. Why was this name given?

39. What noted city perpetuated the name?

40. Are there any remains now attesting its existence?

41. What is now a great obstacle to the spread of the gospel?

42. How is it being overcome?

LESSON VIII.

Feb. 23.

The Covenant with Abram. Gen. 15 : 1–7.

GOLDEN TEXT. — "He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strong in faith, giving glory to God." — Rom. 4 : 20.

1. From which son of Noah did Abram descend? Chap. 11 : 10.

2. Who were his father and grandfather? Chap. 11 : 26, 27.

3. What was the name of his wife? Chap. 11 : 29.

4. How did Abram come to take Lot into his family? Chap. 11 : 28.

5. Whither did Abram's father and family journey? Chap. 11 : 31.

6. Who spoke to Abram in Haran? Chap 12 : 1.

7. What did he command him to do? Chap. 12 : 1.

8. Was this a call that had been made before, and was now repeated? Acts 7 : 2.

9. What promise did God make him? Chap. 12 : 2.

10. What great nation sprang from Abram?

11. In what sense has his name been made great?

12. How has he been a *blessing* to others?

13. How would God regard the conduct of others towards him? Chap. 12: 3.

14. How extended would his influence for good be? Chap. 12: 3.

15. Did this relate to Abram individually, or to him and his seed?

16. Has this promise to bless or curse those that were kind or cruel to him and his descendants been fulfilled?

17. Do we find any encouragement in this promise to labor for the conversion of the Jews?

18. Where did Abram go? Chap. 12: 5, 6.

19. What did God say to Abram in another vision? Chap. 15: 1.

20. What occasion had Abram to fear? Chap. 14: 14–16.

21. What is meant by the *word of the Lord coming in a vision?*

22. What is meant by God's being his *shield?*

23. What is said in Ps. 84: 11?

24. What is meant by God's being his *exceeding great reward?*

25. Is the same blessing possible for us? Matt. 5: 11, 12.

26. What response to God's word did Abram make? v. 2, 3.

27. How would this fact seem to weaken the promise of God? Chap. 12: 2.

28. What did God say in answer to this? v. 4.

29. How did God strengthen his promise? v. 5.

30. Did Abram stagger at the apparently impossible assurance? v. 9.

31. Is it safe always to trust in God's word?

32. How was his faith esteemed by God? v. 6.

33. What is the meaning of the expression *counted for righteousness?* Rom. 4: 16–24.

34. What, then, was the nature of Abram's faith? and did it affect his life?

35. What form of faith secures for us the favor of God? Rom. 5: 1.

36. How did God further reveal himself to Abram? v. 7.

37. What effect would this have to strengthen his faith?

38. Is God's past providence an encouraging reason for present and confiding trust in him?

LESSON IX.

March 2.

Escape from Sodom. Gen. 19 : 15–26.

GOLDEN TEXT. — "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?" — Heb. 2 : 3.

1. How had Lot been separated from Abram? Chap. 13 : 5–11.

2. What was the character of the community where Lot pitched his tent? Chap. 13 : 13.

3. Ought we voluntarily to bring our families under such influences?

4. To whom did God reveal his intended destruction of Sodom? Chap. 18 : 17, 20–22.

5. What was the result of Abram's prayers in its behalf? Chap. 18 : 23–32.

6. When was Abram's name changed to Abraham? Chap. 17 : 1–5.

7. What lessons may we learn from this interesting incident?

8. Who were sent to warn Lot of the fate of Sodom? Chap. 19 : 1.

9. What did they say was about to be done? v. 13.

10. What effect had Lot's appeals upon his sons-in-law? v. 14.

11. How are tender appeals to the impenitent often received?

12. What did the angels say to Lot in the morning? v. 15.

13. Why was not the same warning given to the inhabitants of Sodom?

14. As he hesitated, what did the angels do? v. 16.

15. What is stated as the reason for this? v. 16.

16. Whither did they lead them? v. 16.

17. Why do you think he lingered?

18. What lesson may we learn from their earnestness?

19. What did they say when out of the city? v. 17.

20. What would happen if they remained? v. 17.

21. Why were they not to *look* behind them?

22. What is the spiritual lesson taught by this?

23. How did Lot receive their warning? v. 18.

24. What did he think would be impossible for him? v. 19.

25. What did he propose to do?

26. Did he gain any thing by this course? v. 30.

27. Is it always safe and best to yield to obey God?

28. Is it always possible to do what God commands?

29. What is said in Ps. 125: 1, 2,?

30. What is implied in the expression *my soul shall live?*

31. What answer did the angel make him? v. 21.

32. How did the angel still urge him? v. 22.

33. What is signified by the expression *I cannot do any thing?*

34. Whose prayers had brought succor to Lot? Chap. 18: 23.

35. What was the former name of Zoar? Chap. 14: 2.

36. Why was it changed? v. 22.

37. What now happened to Sodom and Gomorrah? v. 24.

38. How extensive was the destruction? v. 25.

39. What now covers this plain?

40. Can you give any account of its appearance and character?

41. What solemn lesson does this destruction teach us? Rom. 11: 22.

42. What happened to Lot's wife? v. 26.

43. How does the Saviour refer to this event? Luke 17: 32.

44. What are we to remember about her?

LESSON X.

March 9.

Trial of Abraham's Faith. Gen. 22: 7–14.

GOLDEN TEXT. — "And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together." — Gen. 22: 8.

1. To what severe trial did God submit Abraham? Chap. 22: 1, 2.

2. Did Abraham hesitate for a moment?

3. What was there in the command to make obedience especially trying?

4. What was the purpose of God in calling him to this trial?

5. Where was Mount Moriah? 2 Chron. 3: 1.

6. Who was offered up near this same place?

7. Wherein did the offering-up of Isaac and the Son of God differ?

8. How old was Isaac at this time?

9. Why did Abraham say to the servants when they reached the place that he *and the lad* would come again to them? Heb. 11: 17–19.

10. How did Isaac address his father? v. 7.

11. What was the response? v. 7.

12. What question did he then ask him? v. 7.

13. What answer did Abraham give him? v. 8.

14. What did he mean by this answer?

15. When they reached the appointed place, what did Abraham do? v. 9.

16. Why did not Isaac resist?

17. Can you imagine the emotions of the father and son at this hour?

18. What alone sustained Abraham?

19. What did Abraham then proceed to do? v. 10.

20. Is it right and safe to obey every command of God?

21. Who now addressed him? v. 11.

22. Who was this angel? v. 16.

23. What did he say to him? v. 12.

24. What had been clearly shown? v. 12.

25. What is said in John 3: 16?

26. What did Abraham discover as he lifted his eyes? v. 13.

27. What did he proceed to do? v. 13.

28. What lesson of Providence may we learn from this?

29. What name did Abraham give to the place? v. 14.

30. What is the meaning of Jehovah-jireh?

31. What proverbial expression did it occasion? v. 14.

32. What is the meaning of this?

33. What wonderful provision for the wants of the world did God make upon this mountain?

LESSON XI.

March 16.

Jacob and Esau. Gen. 27: 30–40.

GOLDEN TEXT. — "And Esau said unto his father, Hast thou but one blessing, my father? bless me, even me also, O my father! And Esau lifted up his voice, and wept." — Gen. 27: 38.

1. Whom did Isaac marry? Chap. 24: 15, 57–60.

2. What were the characters of the twins born to them? Chap. 25: 27.

3. To whom was Isaac attached? Chap. 25: 28.

4. Which was the mother's favorite? *Ibid.*

5. What privilege had Jacob obtained of Esau? Chap. 25: 29–34.

6. What request did Isaac make of Esau when he was old? Chap. 27: 1–4.

7. How did Rebekah plan to secure the expected blessing for Jacob? v. 6–17.

8. Did his mother's taking the responsibility of the act relieve him of guilt? See v. 13.

9. Did this act bring him trouble afterwards? Chap. 32: 6, 7.

10. Was Isaac deceived? v. 22, 23.

11. What did he pronounce upon him? v. 27–29.

12. When his benediction was over, who came in? v. 30.

13. Why was this birthright blessing so valued?

14. Did not Isaac know that God had conferred this blessing upon Jacob? Chap. 25: 23.

15. Why, then, did Isaac propose to give it to Esau? Chap. 25: 28.

16. What had Esau made? v. 31.

17. What did he say to his father? v. 31.

18. What question did his father ask? v. 32.

19. What answer did he give? v. 32.

20. How was Isaac affected? v. 33.

21. What did he say? v. 33.

22. What is the significance of the expression, *yea, and he shall be blessed?*

23. How did this affect Esau? v. 34.

24. What touching prayer did he offer? v. 34.

25. Had Esau heretofore esteemed this blessing of much value? Heb. 12: 16.

26. Do not men who ordinarily despise religion sometimes reach hours when they offer such unavailing cries for it?

27. What answer did Isaac make him? v. 35.

28. What further did Esau say? v. 36.

29. What final request did he make? v. 36.

30. Did Jacob *take away* his birthright?

31. Did the loss of this blessing affect his personal salvation?

32. What answer did Isaac make to him? v. 37.

33. For what did Esau earnestly entreat? v. 38.

34. What lesson may we learn from these ineffectual tears?

35. What prophetic blessing did Isaac pronounce upon him? v. 39, 40.

36. In what does this differ from Jacob's blessing?

37. Where was the dwelling of Esau and his descendants? Gen. 32 : 3, 4.

38. When did he break his brother's yoke? 2 Kings 8 : 20–22.

LESSON XII.

March 23.

Jacob at Bethel. Gen. 28 : 10–22.

GOLDEN TEXT. — "And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man." — John 1 : 51.

1. What threat did Esau utter against Jacob because of the birthright which he secured? Chap. 27 : 41.

2. What advice did Rebekah give Jacob? Chap. 27 : 42–45.

3. What charge did Isaac give him as he left home? Chap. 28 : 1–4.

4. For what place did Jacob start? v. 5.

5. Where was Padan-aram?

6. Where had the family of Isaac been living? v. 10.

7. Where was Beersheba?

8. How long a journey was it to Haran?

9. Who had formerly lived there? Gen. 11: 31.

10. What did Jacob do at sunset? v. 11.

11. What did he dream that night? v. 12.

12. Was this an accidental dream?

13. Of what may the ladder be considered a symbol?

14. What is said of the angels in Heb. 1: 14?

15. How do we now communicate with heaven while dwelling upon earth?

16. Whom did he behold? v. 13.

17. What did the Lord say to him? v. 13.

18. Who was this person speaking to Jacob? John 8: 56, 58.

19. What promise did the Lord make him? v. 13, 14.

20. To whom had this promise been heretofore made? Chap. 22: 15–18.

21. How does he comfort him in view of his journey? v. 15.

22. What is signified by the expression *I am with thee?*

23. What by *I will keep thee?*

24. What is said in Heb. 13: 5, 6

25. What did Jacob say when he awoke! v. 16.

26. If God is everywhere, what did Jacob mean by saying the Lord is in *this place*, and I knew it not?

27. What did he say of the place? v. 17.

28. In what sense was the place *dreadful?*

29. How could it be called the *house* of God?

30. What is signified by the expression *this is the gate of heaven?*

31. Do these expressions apply to all houses of worship?

32. What should be our conduct and emotions in them?

33. What is said in Heb. 12: 28, 29?

34. What are the lessons to be learned from this wonderful vision?

35. What did Jacob do in the morning? v. 18.

36. Why did he anoint it? Exod. 30: 26–29.

37. What name did he give to it? v. 19.

38. What is the meaning of Bethel?

39. What vow did Jacob make? v. 20, 21.

40. Have we good authority for praying for the daily bread? Matt. 6: 11.

41. What is said 1 Tim. 6: 8?

42. What monument of remembrance did he set up? v. 22.

43. How much did he promise to give unto the Lord? v. 22.

44. How could that pillar be *God's house?*

45. Is it our duty to set apart a definite portion of our means for God?

46. What is said in 1 Cor. 16: 2?

LESSON XIII.

March 30.

Review.

Golden Text. — "For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope." — Rom. 15: 4.

1. From what source only can we derive positive knowledge of God?

2. How did God form the heaven and earth?

3. Did he create directly animals and insects? Gen. chap. 1: 24.

4. What difference did you notice in the creation of man? Chap 1: 26.

5. Where was man dwelling when the first woman was created?

6. How was she formed?

7. What was man's first employment?

8. Was work then wearisome?

9. What trial of obedience was given to our first parents?

10. What creature was the instrument of bringing sin and death into Eden?

11. How did the serpent effect their fall?

12. What punishment fell upon the guilty pair?

13. How was another trial secured for them? Rev. 13 : 8.

14. Why was the offering of Abel accepted rather than that of Cain?

15. What was the first open crime recorded after the fall?

16. In what year of the world did the flood happen?

17. Who only of the world's inhabitants were saved?

18. How long did the flood last?

19. From how many persons are the present families of the earth descended?

20. How did the language of Noah's family become divided into various tongues?

21. How did Abraham come to leave the valley of the Euphrates for Canaan?

22. In what part of Canaan did he reside?

23. How did God signify his interest in him?

24. Why did God bestow so much honor upon him?

25. By what act did Abraham exhibit the highest form of obedience?

26. What memorable illustration have we in his life of the power of prayer?

27. How did his nephew Lot come to leave his presence? Where did he go?

28. What happened to the cities of the plain?

29. How was Lot rescued?

30. What were the names of Isaac's sons?

31. How did Jacob secure the birthright?

32. Was it necessary for him to have obtained it by fraud in order to secure it?

33. What did this act cost him?

34. What happened at Bethel?

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LESSON XIV.

April 6.

Israel, the New Name. Gen. 32: 24–30.

GOLDEN TEXT. — "And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel; for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed." — Gen. 32: 28.

1. After leaving Bethel, whither did Jacob go? Chap. 29: 1.

2. In whose family did he find a home? Chap. 29: 12–14.

3. How long did Jacob remain with them? Chap. 31: 41.

4. Who met Jacob as he began his journey back to Canaan? Chap. 32: 1, 2.

5. Whom did Jacob fear to meet? Chap. 32: 7.

6. To whom did he turn in his trouble? Chap. 32: 9–12.

7. What human precautions did he take? v. 13–21.

8. What did he do when night came? v. 22, 23.

9. Was any one now with Jacob? v. 24.

10. What happened to him during the night? v. 24.

11. Why did he, probably, remain behind alone?

12. What may we learn from this?

13. What other person was accustomed to pass nights in prayer? Luke 6: 12.

14. Who was this person with whom Jacob wrestled? v. 28–30; Hos. 12: 4, 5.

15. Why is he called a man?

16. Did he literally *wrestle* with Jacob? v. 25.

17. Of what was this significant?

18. What was signified by the angel permitting Jacob to prevail against him?

19. Why did he dislocate his thigh?

20. What did the angel say? v. 26.

21. What was Jacob's response? v. 26.

22. Why did the angel say, *Let me go,* when he could have so easily broken away?

23. What may we learn from Jacob's importunity?

24. What did he ask Jacob? v. 27.

25. How did he change his name? v. 28.

26. What reason did he give for this? v. 28.

27. What is the meaning of *Jacob?* What of *Israel?*

28. What was signified by the expression, *hast prevailed?*

29. How does a spiritual blessing often favorably affect us in our temporal business?

30. What request did Jacob make of the angel? v. 29.

31. How did he respond to this request? v. 29.

32. Would the act performed answer the question?

33. Is it right to seek the divine attestation of the work of grace in our hearts? Rom. 8: 15, 16.

34. What name did Jacob give to the place? v. 30.

35. Why did he so call it?

36. What is the meaning of *Peniel?*

37. Why did Jacob add, *And my life is preserved?*

LESSON XV.

April 13.

The Dreams of Joseph. Gen. 37 : 3–11.

GOLDEN TEXT. — "I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes." — Matt. 11 : 25.

1. How did Esau meet Jacob? Chap. 33 : 4.

2. Where did Jacob pitch his tent when he came to Canaan? Chap. 33 : 18.

3. Whither did Jacob go from thence? Chap. 35 : 1.

4. What did God renew with him here? Chap. 35 : 9–13.

5. Is it well to have periods of special devotion and the renewing of our covenant with God?

6. Where did Rachel die? Chap. 35 : 16–20.

7. Where did Jacob finally come? Chap. 35 : 27.

8. Who died here? v. 29.

9. How old was Joseph when the events of this lesson occurred? Chap. 37 : 2.

10. How did Israel regard Joseph? v. 3.

11. What was the cause of his partiality? v. 3.
12. What did he make for him? v. 3.
13. What was this *coat of many colors?*
14. Did the partiality of the father excuse the unkindness of his brothers?
15. How were his brethren affected towards him? v. 4.
16. What happened to Joseph? v. 5.
17. To whom did he tell it? v. 5.
18. How did this affect them? v. 5.
19. What was his dream? v. 6, 7.
20. What was there in the dream to disturb them?
21. Do you think Joseph understood it in this way?
22. How did the brothers interpret it? v. 8.
23. What increased towards Joseph? v. 8.
24. Did Joseph tell this dream to enrage them?
25. Is it ever safe to indulge feelings of hatred?
26. Will they always grow in intensity?
27. What occurred again? v. 9.
28. What was this dream? v. 9.
29. To whom did he tell his dream? v. 10.
30. How was his father affected by it? v. 10.
31. What did he say? v. 10.

32. Did his father suspect this to be a vision from the Lord? v. 11.

33. Why did he rebuke him?

34. Were these dreams ever literally fulfilled?

35. Does God now ever speak to men in dreams?

36. What are ordinary dreams?

37. What were his brothers' feelings towards him? v. 11.

38. What his father's? v. 11.

39. What is meant by *observed the saying?*

40. What is the lesson of this chapter as suggested by the golden text?

LESSON XVI.

April 20.

Joseph sold. Gen. 37: 23–36.

GOLDEN TEXT. — "There are many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the Lord, that shall stand." — Prov. 19: 21.

1. Where did the family of Israel keep their flocks? Chap. 37: 13.

2. Why did they pasture there? Chap. 33 : 19.

3. Why was Joseph sent to visit his brothers? v. 13, 14.

4. Where did he find them? v. 17.

5. What did they determine to do when they saw him? v. 18–20.

6. Who saved him from this fate? v. 21, 22.

7. When Joseph came near, what did they do? v. 23.

8. How was Joseph affected by their treatment? Gen. 42 : 21.

9. What did they do with him? v. 24.

10. What was the condition of the pit? v. 24.

11. What did they then do? v. 25.

12. What state of mind did they exhibit by this course, immediately upon the scene that had occurred?

13. Who now approached them? v. 25.

14. Whose descendants were these Ishmaelites?

15. Where was Gilead?

16. What was their course to Egypt?

17. For what purpose were these fragrant gums and spices used in Egypt? Chap. 50 : 2.

18. What proposal did Judah make? v. 26, 27.

19. Was his proposal accepted? v. 27.

20. Did Judah feel any real pity for Joseph?

21. Where was Reuben at this time? v. 29.

22. Was there, after all, a divine hand ordering the event? Chap. 45: 5.

23. Did this excuse the cruelty of the brothers?

24. Was it an accident that this caravan came at the moment it did?

25. What was done with Joseph? v. 28.

26. For how much did they sell him? and what became of him? v. 28.

27. What was the value of the money received?

28. Who now returned to the pit? v. 29.

29. How was he affected when he found it empty? v. 29.

30. To whom did he at once go? and what did he say? v. 30.

31. What did he exhibit in this?

32. What did the brothers do? v. 31.

33. What was their object in doing this?

34. What did they do with the coat? v. 32.

35. What did they say? v. 32.

36. What did the old father say? v. 33.

37. How was he affected? v. 34.

38. What was signified by rending clothes, and putting on sackcloth?

39. What did his children do for him? v. 35.

40. What did he say to them? v. 35.

41. How must the sons have felt while seeking to comfort their father?

42. What became of Joseph? v. 36.

43. What is the great lesson of this incident? Golden text.

LESSON XVII.

April 27.

The Lord with Joseph. Gen. 39 : 1-6, 20-23.

GOLDEN TEXT. — "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God." — Rom. 8 : 28.

1. Whose slave did Joseph become? v. 1.

2. Who was Pharaoh?

3. What can you tell of the condition of ancient Egypt as to its civilization, its literature, and arts?

4. Who was with Joseph? v. 2.

5. How was the divine presence with him manifested? v. 2.

6. Was it only shown in hours of prosperity? See v. 20, 21.

7. What is the force of the expression, *he was in the house of his master the Egyptian?*

8. How may we always and everywhere secure the presence of the Lord with us? 2 Chron. 15: 2, last clause.

9. Of what advantage will this be to us? Ps. 1: 1–3.

10. What did the master of Joseph notice? v. 3.

11. How was he affected by this towards Joseph? v. 4.

12. How far did he win his confidence? v. 4.

13. How can a young person best win the confidence of an employer?

14. What happened to the Egyptian's house through the presence of Joseph? v. 5.

15. How may a young Christian in the humblest condition bring blessings upon others?

16. How much responsibility was placed upon Joseph? v. 6.

17. What was the personal appearance of Joseph? v. 6.

18. How was Joseph saved in the hour of temptation? v. 9, last clause.

19. What did Joseph's master do with him when falsely accused? v. 20.

20. Was it better to be thrown into prison than to sin?

21. What is said in Matt. 5 : 10?

22. What did the Lord do for him in prison? v. 21.

23. What confidence did the prison-keeper show in him? v. 22.

24. What is meant by *whatsoever they did there, he was the doer of it?*

25. How far did the keeper resign his duties into Joseph's hands? v. 23.

26. Why did he rely so entirely upon him? v. 23.

27. How could it be made to appear in prison that the Lord was with him?

28. What are the great lessons taught by this portion of Joseph's history?

LESSON XVIII.

May 4.

Joseph exalted. Gen. 41 : 37–49.

GOLDEN TEXT. — "For the Lord God is a sun and shield : the Lord will give grace and glory : no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly." — Ps. 84 : 11.

1. Who were the companions of Joseph in prison? Chap. 40 : 2, 3.

2. What did Joseph interpret for them? Chap. 40: 5, 12.

3. What request did he make of the butler? Chap. 40: 14.

4. Who afterwards had a remarkable dream? Chap. 41: 1.

5. Who failed to interpret it? v. 8.

6. What did the butler now say? v. 9–12.

7. Who was sent for? v. 14.

8. Who did Joseph say alone could interpret dreams? v. 16.

9. What did he say God intended by the dreams? v. 25.

10. What advice did he give Pharaoh? v. 34.

11. How did this please the king? v. 37.

12. What question did Pharaoh ask his servants? v. 38.

13. Had Joseph planned his advice to bring about such an appointment for himself?

14. Is an honest, unselfish course in the end the surest to secure public or private favor?

15. What sentiments in the community will be ordinarily excited by a self-seeking and office-seeking man?

16. What is implied by the expression, *in whom the Spirit of God is?*

17. What appointment did Pharaoh then give him? v. 41.

18. Can you think of a reason why the Egyptian princes did not resist the appointment?

19. What did Pharaoh then place upon him? v. 42.

20. What was the significance of the ring?

21. What is said in Esther 8 : 8?

22. What further royal respect was to be shown to him? v. 43.

23. How did he say he would enforce this respect? v. 44.

24. What name did he give him? v. 45.

25. What is the meaning of this name?

26. Who became his wife? v. 45.

27. What did he immediately enter upon? v. 45.

28. How old was Joseph at this time? v. 46.

29. What was his first business? v. 46.

30. What was the character of the harvests for seven years? v. 47.

31. What course did Joseph take? v. 48.

32. How much did he gather in? v. 49.

33. What is the lesson to be drawn from this event in Joseph's life as suggested by the golden text?

LESSON XIX.

May 11.

The Report from Egypt. Gen. 43 : 29–34.

GOLDEN TEXT. — "Be sure your sin will find you out." — Num. 32 : 23.

1. What happened after the years of plenty? Chap. 41 : 54.

2. Who came to Egypt for food? Chap. 41 : 57.

3. Among others, who also came? Chap. 42 : 3.

4. How did Joseph receive them? Chap. 42 : 7, 8.

5. How did he propose to prove that they were honest men? Chap. 42 : 14–16.

6. What now came to their minds? Chap. 42 : 21, 22.

7. What did Joseph finally do? Chap. 42 : 24.

8. After they left Joseph, what did they find? Chap. 42 : 27, 28.

9. What did they tell their father? Chap. 42 : 29–34.

10. How was the old man affected? Chap. 42 : 36.

11. Were all these things *against* him?

12. What finally sent the brothers back? Chap. 43 : 8.

13. What did Joseph say to them as he met them? v. 27.

14. How did they answer? and what did they do? v. 28.

15. What dream was then fulfilled? Chap. 37 : 7.

16. Whom did Joseph particularly notice? v. 29.

17. What did he say? v. 29.

18. How was he affected? v. 30.

19. Why did the sight of this brother so deeply affect him?

20. How did he compose himself? v. 31.

21. Did he eat with his brothers? v. 32.

22. What reason is given for this?

23. Whom did his brethren think him to be all this time?

24. How were the brothers placed at the table? v. 33.

25. Why should this astonish them?

26. What did he send to them? v. 34.

27. What was Benjamin's mess? v. 34.

28. Why did he exhibit this partiality for Benjamin?

29. What seems to have been his object in all his present conduct with his brethren?

30. How were the brethren affected? v. 34.

31. How is the golden text enforced by this lesson?

LESSON XX.

May 18.

Joseph makes himself known. Gen. 45: 1–8.

GOLDEN TEXT. — "And Joseph said unto his brethren, I am Joseph: doth my father yet live? And his brethren could not answer him; for they were troubled at his presence." — Gen. 14: 3.

1. How did Joseph still further test his brethren? Chap. 44: 2.

2. What word did he send after them? Chap. 44: 4, 5.

3. What was his object in this?

4. What proposition did they make? Chap. 44: 9.

5. How were they affected when the cup was found? Chap. 44: 13.

6. What confession did Judah make? Chap. 44: 13.

7. Had he been the ringleader in the sale of Joseph? Chap. 17: 26, 27.

8. What did Joseph say? Chap. 44: 17.

9. How tenderly did Judah plead for the lad? Chap. 44: 31–34.

10. How was Joseph affected? v. 1.

11. What command did he issue? v. 1.

12. Who only were now together?

13. How deeply was Joseph now moved? v. 2.

14. Who heard his weeping? v. 2.

15. Who is meant by the *house of Pharaoh?*

16. What occasioned his present excessive weeping?

17. How did he reveal himself? v. 3.

18. What does he exhibit in the question he asks?

19. How were the brothers affected? v. 3.

20. What was there in his presence to trouble them?

21. How did he cheer them? v. 4.

22. In what words did he repeat the revelation of himself? v. 4.

23. How did he calm their fears? v. 5.

24. Who did he say had overruled their act for good? v. 5.

25. Did this really mitigate their criminal deed?

26. Who only can bring good out of evil?

27. What beautiful trait of character does Joseph now exhibit?

28. What does he say of the famine? v. 6.

29. For what purpose had God sent him to Egypt? v. 7.

30. Why had God providentially provided for this family in particular?

31. In what sense was it a *great deliverance?*

32. How does he repeat this truth? v. 8.

33. What had God done for him? v. 8.

34. In what sense was he a *father* to Pharaoh?

35. What does Joseph exhibit in thus attributing his success to God?

LESSON XXI.

May 25.

Joseph sends for his Father. Gen. 45: 19–28.

Golden Text. — "The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice." — Prov. 23: 24.

1. What message did Joseph send his father? v. 9–11.

2. How did he express his filial and natural pride as to his position? v. 13.

3. How did he show his warm, fraternal nature? v. 14, 15.

4. How were Pharaoh and his court pleased to learn what had occurred? v. 16–18.

5. What command did Pharaoh give? v. 19.

6. What did he say about their household goods? v. 20.

7. What did he mean by saying *the good of all the land of Egypt is yours?*

8. What made the king so generous to this Hebrew family?

9. With what did Joseph provide his brothers? v. 21.

10. What present did he bestow upon each one? v. 22.

11. How did he distinguish Benjamin? v. 22.

12. What was the value, in our currency, of the money given?

13. Was the gift of clothing customary in the East? 2 Kings 5: 23.

14. What did Joseph send his father? v. 23.

15. Who, probably, enjoyed the most comfort in this gift, — the giver, or receiver?

16. What did he say to his brethren as they departed? v. 24.

17. What reason had he for cautioning them now?

18. Whither did they come? v. 25.
19. What route do you suppose they took?
20. What did they tell Jacob? v. 26.
21. How was the old man affected? v. 26.
22. Is sometimes great joy in its effect like great sorrow?
23. What further did they tell him? v. 27.
24. What fully convinced Jacob of their truth? v. 27.
25. What did he say? v. 28.
26. Of which did Jacob think the most, — of the gifts, or the son?
27. Why is nothing said about the treatment of Joseph by his brethren at this time, by father or sons?

LESSON XXII.

June 1.

Israel in Egypt. Gen. 46: 1–4, 29–32

Golden Text. — "Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterwards receive me to glory." — Ps. 73: 24.

1. Whither did Israel go? v. 1.
2. What did he do here? v. 2.

3. Why did he probably stop here? Chap. 26. 23–25.

4. Why did he at this time in particular wish counsel of God?

5. Was Beersheba on the way from Hebron to Egypt?

6. How did God reveal himself to him? v. 2.

7. How could this be distinguished from an ordinary dream?

8. What did God say of himself? v. 3.

9. What of Israel's going to Egypt? v. 3.

10. What would happen to him there? v. 3.

11. May we be made as confident of the presence and guidance of God in our journeys and business as was Israel?

12. How does he repeat the promise? v. 4.

13. What would Joseph do for him? v. 4.

14. What is the meaning of this?

15. How many accompanied Israel into Egypt? v. 26.

16. Including the family of Joseph, how many were now there? v. 27.

17. What is the number given in Acts 7: 14?

18. How do you reconcile the difference of the two scriptures?

19. Whither did they finally come? v. 28.

20. Who now came to meet them? v. 29.

21. Describe the meeting. v. 29.

22. What did the old father say? v. 30.

23. What is signified by the expression, *now let me die?*

24. What did Joseph say to the family? v. 31.

25. Why would he announce their coming before presenting them?

26. What would he say of their occupation? v. 32.

27. What would Pharaoh do? v. 33.

28. What answer would they make? v. 34.

29. How were shepherds regarded in Egypt? v. 34.

30. Why were they held in such estimation?

31. Why did Joseph desire to keep his family by themselves?

32. Why did he not put them into posts of honor?

33. In what respect was the land of Goshen peculiarly favorable for them?

34. How has the golden text been fulfilled in this lesson?

LESSON XXIII.

June 8.

Jacob and Pharaoh. Gen. 47 : 5–10.

GOLDEN TEXT. — "For here have we no continuing city; but we seek one to come." — Heb. 13 : 14.

1. How did Joseph announce his brethren? v. 1.

2. What did Pharaoh say to Joseph about them? v. 5, 6.

3. What kind of men, young or old, are apt to be called into responsible places?

4. Whom did Joseph then set before the king? v. 7.

5. What did Jacob do? v. 7.

6. What was the character of this blessing?

7. What was there about Jacob that made it fitting for him to bless even the king?

8. What does Joseph exhibit in this act, in reference to his father?

9. What question did Pharaoh ask? v. 8.

10. How did Jacob answer him? v. 9.

11. What is here signified by *the days of the years of my pilgrimage?*

12. How may the words apply to every true Christian?

13. Where does this pilgrimage end?

14. How could his days be said to be *few?*

15. What is here meant by *evil?*

16. What did King David say of his life at its close? 1 Chron. 29: 15.

17. Do pilgrims usually think most of their temporary tent, or of the city before them?

18. What impressive act did Jacob again perform? v. 10.

19. What did he then do? v. 10.

20. How are men high in office often affected by an exhibition of simple and sincere piety?

21. What will secure for us certain admission into the city referred to in the golden text?

LESSON XXIV.

June 15.

Prophetic Blessings. Gen. 48: 15, 16; 49: 8–10.

Golden Text. — "The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be." — Gen. 49: 19.

1. How long did Jacob live in the land of Egypt? Chap. 47: 28.

2. What event now drew nigh? Chap. 47 : 29.

3. What touching promise did he obtain from Joseph? Chap. 47 : 29–31.

4. When Joseph heard of his father's sickness, what did he do? Chap. 48 : 1.

5. What did the old man do when Joseph came? Chap. 48 : 2.

6. What did he say about Joseph's children? Chap. 48 : 5.

7. What did he mean by their being his?

8. Whose death did he remember at this hour? Chap. 48 : 7.

9. Whom did he bless? Chap. 48 : 15.

10. Repeat the blessing. Chap. 48 : 15, 16.

11. In what sense had God fed him?

12. Who is meant by the angel which redeemed him from all evil?

13. When did he openly meet this angel?

14. Why is it said that he blessed Joseph, when his hands were on the heads of his sons, and he blessed the lads?

15. What is meant by Abraham and Isaac walking *before the Lord?*

16. What is implied in having his name named upon them?

17. Whom did Israel say would remain with them when he was removed from them? Chap. 48 : 21.

18. How did he open his prophecy in reference to Judah? Chap. 49: 8.

19. What further does he say of his future? v. 8.

20. What is implied in the expression, *whom thy brethren shall praise?*

21. What by, *thine hand shall be on the neck of thine enemies?*

22. How does David express his triumph in Ps. 18: 40?

23. What is the meaning of, *thy father's children shall bow down before thee?*

24. Do these prophecies refer to Judah individually, or to his descendants?

25. What brave and memorable king descended from this tribe?

26. Who greater than he was also of the same human lineage?

27. How does the dying patriarch continue his prophecy in verse ninth?

28. In what respect was the nation which descended from Judah like a couching lion?

29. What is said in Rev. 5: 5?

30. To whom is reference had in that scripture?

31. What memorable prophecy does Israel now utter? v. 10.

32. What is implied in *the sceptre's not departing from Judah?*

33. What by, *a lawgiver from between his feet?*

34. What is meant by Shiloh? Isa. 9 : 6; Jer. 23 : 5, 6; Matt. 21 : 9.

35. When did the sceptre depart from Judah? Luke 2 : 1–4.

36. Who was just then born?

37. How long before his birth was this prophecy given?

38. What is meant by, *unto him shall the gathering of the people be?*

39. Have you been drawn to him?

LESSON XXV.

June 22.

The Last Days of Joseph. Gen. 50 : 15–26.

GOLDEN TEXT. — "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good." — Rom. 12 : 21.

1. Where did Jacob desire to be buried? Chap. 49 : 29, 30.

2. Who had been before this buried there? Chap. 49 : 31.

3. How is his death recorded? Chap. 49 : 33.

4. Why did he wish to have his body carried into Canaan?

5. Is the attention now given to beautifying the sleeping-places of the dead justifiable?

6. A belief in what great truth is involved in this care for the dust of the dead?

7. How was Joseph affected by his father's death? Chap. 50: 1.

8. Are tears necessarily marks of a lack of resignation to God's providence? John 11: 35.

9. What was the character of the funeral-services? v. 2–13.

10. Are loud lamentations over the dead customary in the East?

11. What do we know of the Egyptian habit of embalming?

12. What did the brethren of Joseph now fear? v. 15.

13. Had they any reason to expect this from his conduct toward them?

14. Whence, then, came this fear?

15. Will our evil deeds be likely to bring upon us constant fears of retribution?

16. What message did they send Joseph? v. 16, 17.

17. Why do they not say *our* father?

18. Why is the request made in the father's name rather than in their own?

19. What is our great comfort as sinners? 1 John 2: 1.

20. What spirit do the brothers manifest in this message?

21. How was Joseph affected by it? v. 17.

22. How did they further express their earnest penitence? v. 18.

23. What did Joseph say in answer to them? v. 19.

24. What did he mean by this? Heb. 10: 30.

25. What is the difference between avenging our personal injuries and the securing of our legal rights?

26. How did he say God had overruled their purposes? v. 20.

27. Does he in this apologize at all for their sinfulness?

28. What did he promise to do for them? v. 21.

29. How, in all this, did he treat them? v. 21.

30. What traits of character does he exhibit in his manner and words?

31. To what age did Joseph live? v. 22.

32. Whom did he have the pleasure of seeing? v. 23.

33. What is meant by the children being brought up *upon his knees?*

34. Of what did Joseph now inform his brethren? v. 24.

35. What did he say God would do for them? v. 24.

36. What did he mean by God's *visiting* them?

37. What oath did Joseph take of them? v. 25.

38. Where did he wish his bones to be carried? v. 25.

39. What did they do with his body? v. 26.

40. Was his request remembered? Exod. 13 : 19.

41. Where were his bones finally laid? Josh. 24 : 32.

42. How does this lesson illustrate the golden text?

LESSON XXVI.

June 29.

Review.

Golden Text. — "The path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day." — Prov. 4 : 18.

1. How long did Jacob remain with his relatives in Haran?

2. How large was his family when he came away?

3. Had he been successful during these years in accumulating property?

4. Was God's promise at Bethel fulfilled to him?

5. Why did he fear to meet his brother Esau?

6. How was this fear removed? Chap. 32: 24–30.

7. Did Jacob forget Bethel? Chap. 35: 1.

8. When God reminds us by his Spirit of past covenants, what should we do? 35: 2, 3.

9. Where did Rachel die? 35: 16.

10. What event happened near this place, recalling her death? Matt. 11: 18.

11. What excited the ill-will of the brothers of Joseph towards him?

12. How old was Joseph when this began to be exhibited? Chap. 37: 2.

13. What sent Joseph into Egypt?

14. Whose slave did he become?

15. How happened he to be thrown into prison?

16. What was his solace in all his trouble?

17. By what singular providence was he liberated?

18. To what position was he raised in Egypt?

19. What brought his brothers into Egypt?

20. How did Joseph plan to bring his brother Benjamin down?

21. How did he finally awaken in the hearts of his brothers deep conviction of their cruelty towards himself? Chap. 42 : 21.

22. Under what circumstances did he reveal himself to them?

23. How did he show his filial love for his father?

24. Where did he place his family in Egypt?

25. How old was Jacob when he died?

26. What was his last work before he died?

27. What memorable prophecy did he pronounce over Judah?

28. Where was he buried?

29. What particularly troubled his sons after his death?

30. How did Joseph remove their fears?

31. How long did Joseph live?

32. What was done with his body?

33. Can you give the leading events recorded in the Book of Genesis?

34. Is there any human history that compares with it for age, authenticity, or the simplicity and beauty of its records?

35. Has modern science offered any unanswerable objections to a rational interpretation of this venerable book?

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THIRD QUARTER.

LESSON XXVII.

July 6.

The Child Jesus. Matt. 2: 1–10.

GOLDEN TEXT. — "When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy." — Matt. 2 : 10.

1. Where did the mother of Jesus live? Luke 2 : 4, 5.
2. How happened it that she came to Bethlehem?
3. What was the infant Saviour's first sleeping-place? Luke 2 : 7.
4. Who first after the parents knew of the birth of Jesus? Luke 2 : 8–11.
5. Where was he born? v. 1.
6. In the days of what king? v. 1.

7. Who came at this time to Jerusalem? Matt. 2 : v. 1.

8. Can you think of any reasons why the Son of God came into the world as an infant?

9. Who was this Herod? and what was his character?

10. What can you tell about ancient and modern Bethlehem?

11. What noted Jewish king was born and lived there?

12. What interesting young woman, from whom this king descended, once gathered wheat in the neighboring fields?

13. What can you tell about Jerusalem as it was and as it is?

14. Who were the wise men referred to here?

15. What country is meant by the East?

16. What question did these wise men ask? v. 2.

17. What had they seen? v. 2.

18. What did they wish to do? v. 2.

19. What did they mean by the expression, *he that is born King of the Jews?*

20. Was this star a special meteor in the heavens?

21. How happened these men alone to notice it?

22. What did they mean by coming to *worship* him?

23. How was Herod affected by their question? v. 3.

24. Who shared his anxiety with him? v. 3.

25. Why did their coming disturb Herod?

26. Why were the people of Jerusalem also troubled?

27. Whom did he gather for counsel? v. 4.

28. What question did he ask them? v. 4.

29. Who are referred to by *chief priests and scribes?*

30. Why did he think these persons would be best able to answer the question?

31. Why did Herod wish to know where Christ should be born?

32. What answer did they give him? v. 5.

33. What reason did they give for this answer? v. 5, 6.

34. What prophet had thus written? Mic. 5 : 2.

35. To whom only could this prophecy apply?

36. How long before it was fulfilled was it written?

37. Whom did Herod now call to him? v. 7.

38. What inquiry did he make of them? v. 7.

39. Why did he call them *privily?*

40. What direction did he give them? v. 8.

41. Did Herod disclose his real object in these words?

42. Who only knows the heart, and can disappoint the purposes of bad men?

43. What again appeared as the wise men started upon their journey? v. 9.

44. Where did it finally tarry? v. 9.

45. How were they affected by the sight of it? v. 10.

46. What now fills a penitent heart seeking Jesus with unutterable joy?

LESSON XXVIII.

July 13.

The Flight into Egypt. Matt. 2: 13–23.

Golden Text.— "For he shall give his angels charge over thee to keep thee in all thy ways." — Ps. 91: 11.

1. What did the wise men do when they found the child Jesus? v. 10.

2. Why did they not return to Herod? v. 11.

3. Who appeared to Joseph? v. 13.

4. How did he appear to him? v. 13.

5. What direction did he give him? v. 13.

6. How could Joseph know that it was not an ordinary dream?

7. How long were they to remain in Egypt? v. 13.

8. In what direction was Egypt?

9. By what conveyance would he probably get there?

10. Who before this, as we have learned, of the same nation, had once dwelt in Egypt?

11. Can you give any account of the present condition of Egypt?

12. Did Joseph obey the angel? v. 14.

13. Why did he go by night?

14. How long did he remain there? v. 15.

15. What was fulfilled by this flight into Egypt? v. 15.

16. Where is this prophecy written? Hos. 11: 1–7.

17. How was the family of Joseph supported in Egypt? v. 11.

18. Do God's providences always harmonize with each other?

19. What is meant by the expression, *that it might be fulfilled?*

20. How was Herod affected by the escape? v. 16.

21. What fearful act of violence did he perform? v. 16.

22. Why did he include all their children in his vengeance?

23. What is meant by *all the coasts thereof?*

24. What was now fulfilled? v. 17.

25. Where is this prophecy written? Jer. 31: 15.

26. What was the prophecy? v. 18.

27. Who was Rachel?

28. Where was Rama?

29. What was the first meaning and application of this prophecy?

30. What was its appropriateness in this case?

31. When did the angel again appear to Joseph? v. 19.

32. What did he say to him? v. 20.

33. What did Joseph do. v. 21.

34. What did he hear upon his journey back? v. 22.

35. How was he affected by this? v. 22.

36. Where did he go? v. 22.

37. Who was Archelaus? and what account can you give of him?

38. Where was Galilee? and of what was it a province?

39. Where did Joseph finally dwell? v. 23.

40. What was thus fulfilled? v. 23.

41. What can you relate about the situation of Nazareth, and its present appearance?

42. Where, in the prophets, is this expression in reference to Jesus to be found?

43. What was the purport of the term as then used?

LESSON XXIX.

July 20.

The Baptism of Jesus. Matt. 3: 13–17.

GOLDEN TEXT. — "And there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." — Mark 1: 11.

1. Who was John the Baptist? Luke 1: 13–17.

2. How much older was he than Jesus?

3. What relation was his mother to Mary, the mother of Jesus? Luke 1: 36.

4. How was John engaged as this lesson opens? v. 1.

5. What was his personal appearance? v. 4.

6. Whose example did he follow in this?

7. What was the character of his preaching? v. 7–10.

8. Whose coming did he foretell? v. 11, 12.

9. From whence did Jesus come? v. 13.

10. How had he been engaged all these years in Galilee?

11. How old was he at this time? Luke 3: 23.

12. Where, and to whom, did he come? v. 13.

13. For what purpose did he come? v. 13.

14. What account can you give of the River Jordan, its rise, its length, depth, and into what it empties?

15. Can you recollect any scriptural events that happened by and in this river?

16. Was baptism a customary Jewish rite?

17. How did John receive him? v. 14.

18. What did John say to him? v. 14.

19. What was the import of John's answer?

20. How did John know that this person was the Messiah?

21. What did Jesus say to him in answer? v. 15.

22. What is signified by the expression, *it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness?*

23. Did John yield? v. 15.

24. Was the baptism of Jesus *Christian* baptism?

25. What happened when Jesus was baptized? v. 16.

26. What is meant by *the heavens being opened?*

27. What is implied in the expression, *like a dove?*

28. What by its *lighting upon him?*

29. What voice was heard? v. 17.

30. Whose voice was this?

31. Do you suppose this was an articulate voice? John 12: 28, 30; 2 Pet. 1: 17, 18.

32. How were the three persons of the Deity represented in this sublime scene?

LESSON XXX.

July 27.

The Temptation of Jesus. Matt. 4: 1–11.

GOLDEN TEXT. — "For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succor them that are tempted." — Heb. 2: 18.

1. What event was considered in the preceding lesson?

2. Immediately upon this, what happened? v. 1.

3. What is meant by his being *led up of the Spirit?*

4. Where was this *wilderness?*

5. Why was it necessary to go into the wilderness to meet the Devil?

6. What is here meant by being *tempted of the Devil?*

7. Why was Jesus thus tempted? Heb. 2: 17, 18.

8. How long did he fast? v. 2.

9. What other persons fasted the same period? Exod. 34: 28; 1 Kings 19: 8.

10. Was this endurance possible without divine aid?

11. Why did Jesus and these others fast?

12. How may fasting be made a means of grace?

13. Is fasting now a Christian duty?

14. What happened after this fast? v. 2.

15. Who now came to him? v. 3.

16. What did he say? v. 3.

17. Who is here meant by the tempter?

18. In what form do you suppose he came to him?

19. How, at this time, was this advice a temptation?

20. Why would it have been wrong to have obeyed it?

21. What answer did Jesus make to him? v. 4.

22. Where is this written? Deut. 8: 3.

23. What is the force of this answer?

24. Which of our natures cannot bread nourish?

25. How does the word of God feed the soul?

26. Where did the Devil now take him? v. 5.

27. Where did he place him? v. 5.

28. Was he taken bodily to this place?

29. What place is meant by the *holy city?*

30. What temple is referred to?

31. What was there in its situation that made this pinnacle a giddy height?

32. What did the Devil then say to him? v. 6.

33. With what scripture did he enforce his words? v. 6.

34. Where is this written? Ps. 91: 11, 12.

35. Where would the wrong appear in thus trusting to this scripture?

36. How could this suggestion be a temptation to Jesus?

37. What answer did Jesus make? v. 7.

38. Where is this written? Deut. 6: 16.

39. What is the force of this scripture?

40. Where next did the Devil take him? v. 8.

41. What did he show him? v. 8.

42. Where, possibly, was this height?

43. What is meant by showing him *all the kingdoms of the world?*

44. What promise did he make him? v. 9.

45. On what condition?

46. Could the Devil have fulfilled his promise?

47. In whose hands are the kingdoms of the world now?

48. Why did he desire to have Christ worship him?

49. How might this be a temptation to him?

50. How did Jesus answer him? v. 10.

51. Where is this scripture? Deut. 6: 13.

52. How did this answer the Devil?

53. What then happened? v. 11.

54. Why did the Devil leave him?

55. What is meant by *angels ministering to him?*

56. What great lesson may we learn from this incident?

LESSON XXXI.

Aug. 3.

The Ministry of Jesus. Matt. 4: 17–25.

GOLDEN TEXT. — "Never man spake like this man." — John 7: 46.

1. Where did Jesus go after his baptism? v. 12.

2. Why did he not commence his ministry in Judæa?

3. Where did he make his dwelling-place? v. 13.

4. What did he now begin to do? v. 17.

5. What was the subject of his discourses? v. 17.

6. Where, and in what way, do you suppose the Saviour preached?

7. What are the marks of true repentance?

8. Why was the nearness of the kingdom of heaven a call to repentance?

9. What is implied in the expression, *kingdom of heaven?*

10. Where was Jesus at one time walking? v. 18.

11. How near Capernaum was this sea?

12. What can you tell about this sea?

13. Whom did he see here? v. 18.

14. How were they engaged? v. 18.

15. How did Jesus know them? John 1: 35–42.

16. What did Jesus say to them? v. 19.

17. What did he mean by the command, *Follow me?*

18. How far does the same command apply to us?

19. What is meant by making them *fishers of men?*

20. Will our usefulness in life depend upon our consecration to Jesus?

21. What did they do? v. 20.

22. Was this a temporary act of theirs?

23. Why did they leave their earthly business?

24. Are others now called to do so?

25. Is a special call requisite to enter upon the ministry?

26. Whom did Jesus next meet? v. 21.

27. What took place with them? v. 21.

28. What did they immediately do? v. 22.

29. Where then did Jesus go? v. 23.

30. How did he employ his time? v. 23.

31. What was the synagogue, and the character of the services held in it?

32. What is meant by *gospel* of the kingdom?

33. What is the difference between *teaching* and *preaching?*

34. Why did Jesus heal bodily diseases?

35. Has not the missionary physician a peculiar opportunity for doing good?

36. What was the effect of his miracles? v. 24.

37. What country is meant by Syria?

38. What is here meant by the term *torments?*

39. What by being *possessed with devils?*
40. Who followed him? v. 25.
41. Where was Decapolis?
42. Why did these people follow him?
43. What is the difference between these miracles of Jesus and modern pretended miracles?

LESSON XXXII.

Aug. 10.

The Beatitudes. Matt. 5: 1–12.

GOLDEN TEXT. — "Blessed is every one that feareth the Lord; that walketh in his ways." — Ps. 138: 1.

1. Whence had the multitude come that surrounded Jesus? Chap. 4: 25.
2. What had drawn them together? Chap. 4: 23, 24.
3. When he saw the multitude, what did he do? v. 1.
4. Who came to him? v. 1.
5. By what name is this discourse known? and why?
6. Why did the Saviour *sit* as he taught?

7. Who are here meant by his disciples?

8. What did he proceed to do? v. 2.

9. Upon whom is the first blessing pronounced? v. 3.

10. What does he say of them?

11. What is the meaning here of the term *blessed?*

12. What of *poor in spirit?*

13. In what sense is the kingdom of heaven theirs?

14. What blessing is pronounced upon those that mourn? v. 4.

15. What kind of mourning is referred to here?

16. What is implied in their being comforted?

17. Why are the meek blessed? v. 5.

18. Who are meant by the meek?

19. In what sense do they inherit the earth?

20. How does a meek temper tend to secure this?

21. What is promised to those that hunger and thirst after righteousness? v. 6.

22. What is implied in the terms *hungering* and *thirsting?*

23. What is meant by being *filled?*

24. What does he say of the merciful? v. 7.

25. What is implied in being merciful?

26. Does it mean, if we are of a forgiving dis-

position, all our sins will be forgiven for this cause?

27. What is said of the pure in heart? v. 8.

28. What is here meant by *pure in heart?*

29. What by *seeing* God?

30. How does heart purity secure this?

31. What is said of the peacemakers? v. 9.

32. What is it to be a peacemaker?

33. Why are they specially called the *children of God?*

34. Whence come all public and private contentions?

35. What is said of those that are persecuted? v. 10.

36. What is the meaning of the expression *for righteousness' sake?*

37. Who have thus suffered?

38. How can such persons be considered *blessed?*

39. How is theirs specially the kingdom of heaven?

40. How further does our Lord declare such blessed? v. 11.

41. If there is any true ground for charges against their character, would the blessing follow?

42. What is implied in the term *for my sake?*

43. How should they be affected by such persecution? v. 12.

44. What is meant by their *reward* being great?

45. Have you ever heard of persons rejoicing under bitter persecutions?

46. What prophets are referred to in this verse?

47. What would be the effect if Christians generally exhibited such tempers as Jesus pronounces blessed in this lesson?

LESSON XXXIII.

Aug. 17.

Teaching to Pray. Matt. 6: 5–15.

Golden Text. — "But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and, when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly." — Matt. 6: 6.

1. Whose example should be avoided in prayer? v. 5.
2. How do they love to pray? v. 5.
3. What does our Lord say of them? v. 5.
4. Who are meant by *hypocrites?*
5. Does this scripture forbid public prayer?

6. What, then, is the force of it?

7. What is the meaning of they *have their reward?*

8. What direction does he give for secret prayer? v. 6.

9. What will be the result of such prayer? v. 6.

10. Does this precept enjoin us against social prayer?

11. What is implied in the expression, *shall reward thee openly?*

12. Mention some of the advantages of constant secret prayer.

13. What should not be used in prayer? v. 7.

14. Who do this? v. 7.

15. Why do they do it? v. 7.

16. What are here meant by *vain repetitions?*

17. What instance have we of this given in the Scriptures? 1 Kings 18: 26.

18. What does this verse teach as to the character of our prayers?

19. Why are not these vain repetitions necessary? v. 8.

20. If God knows what we need, why should he require us to pray?

21. How is the thought of God's knowledge of our wants an inspiration and a comfort in prayer?

22. How does our Lord commence the prayer he taught them? v. 9.

23. Is it meant that we should always pray in these words?

24. What is this prayer usually called, and why?

25. What is implied in the term *our* Father?

26. Why is he said to be in heaven?

27. How may his name be hallowed?

28. What is the first request to be made? v. 10.

29. What is meant by Christ's kingdom coming?

30. What may we learn from this being placed before our prayer for daily bread?

31. When is this will of God to be done?

32. What prayer do we offer for our food? v. 11.

33. In what sense does this come from God?

34. How do we pray for pardon? v. 12.

35. What are here meant by *debts?*

36. Who by *debtors?*

37. What is the import of this prayer?

38. What prayer do we offer against temptation? v. 13.

39. What is meant by temptation?

40. What is the purport of the prayer?

41. How will prayer keep us from, or in the hour of, temptation?

42. What is meant in this verse by *evil?*

43. What is the last sentence of the prayer called?

44. What is implied in it?

45. What is the force of *Amen?*

46. What does our Lord say of a forgiving spirit? v. 14.

47. What of an unforgiving? v. 15.

48. Do these verses teach that this is all that is necessary on our part to secure forgiveness?

49. What may we learn from this lesson of God's estimate of humble, sincere prayer?

LESSON XXXIV.

Aug. 24.

The Two Foundations. Matt. 7 : 21–29.

GOLDEN TEXT. — "Behold, I lay in Zion a chief corner-stone, elect, precious; and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded." — 1 Pet. 2 : 6.

1. Will persons be received indiscriminately into heaven? v. 21.

2. Who only will be able to enter? v. 21.

3. What is implied in the expression, *saying, Lord, Lord?*

4. What is it to do the will of God?

5. Where do we learn the will of God?

6. How may we know when we do it? v. 16–18.

7. What will men plead hereafter? v. 22.

8. What is here meant by *that day?*

9. What by *prophesying* in his name?

10. How could they have cast out devils if they were not his disciples?

11. What are here meant by wonderful works?

12. Does any professed church of Christ pretend now to work miracles?

13. What will he profess to them? v. 23.

14. What is meant by the expression, *profess* unto them?

15. How could it be said that he *never knew them?*

16. What is implied in the term, *depart from me?*

17. What solemn lesson should we learn from this?

18. To whom does he liken the hearer and doer of his sayings? v. 24.

19. What happened to this man? v. 25.

20. Can you show the application of the figure?

21. What was there in the construction of houses, and the character of the storms, in Palestine, that made this figure particularly striking?

22. Upon whom should we build to have a firm foundation?

23. To whom did he liken a hearer only? v. 26.

24. What happened to him? v. 27.

25. What solemn lesson should we personally draw from this?

26. How were the people affected? v. 28.

27. Why were they so impressed? v. 29.

28. What is the meaning of this?

29. Who is referred to in the golden text?

30. What is meant by *he that believeth shall not be confounded?*

LESSON XXXV.

Aug. 31.

Power to forgive Sins. Matt. 9: 1–8.

GOLDEN TEXT. — "Be it known unto you, therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins." — Acts 13: 38.

1. Into what did Jesus enter? v. 1.

2. Whither did he come? v. 1.

3. Where had he been? Chap. 8: 28.

4. Over what water did he sail?

5. What is here meant by the term *ship?*

6. What by his *own city?*

7. Who was now brought to him? v. 2.

8. What did Jesus notice? v. 2.

9. What did he say to the sick man? v. 2.

10. How did these friends of the sick man show their faith?

11. What is the nature of the palsy?

12. What similar service can we render unconverted friends?

13. In what respects are they like the palsied man?

14. Why did Jesus forgive his sins before healing him?

15. What did certain of the scribes say within themselves? v. 3.

16. What is meant by saying *within themselves?*

17. Who only could know what was passing in the mind?

18. On what ground did they accuse him of blasphemy?

19. What did Jesus know? v. 4.

20. What question did he ask them? v. 4.

21. What is the force of this question?

22. What other question did he propose? v. 5.

23. How would this be a satisfactory test of his authority to forgive?

24. What did he wish them to know? v. 6.

25. What did he say to the sick man? v. 6.

26. What did the sick man do? v. 7.

27. Whom does this miracle prove Christ to be?

28. How was the multitude affected by it? v. 8.

29. To whom did the apostles attribute the authority to forgive sins? Golden text.

LESSON XXXVI.

Sept. 7.

The Twelve called. Matt. 10: 1–15.

Golden Text.— "Study to show thyself approved of God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." — 2 Tim. 2: 15.

1. Whom did he call to him? v. 1.

2. What power did he bestow upon them? v. 1.

3. What is meant by giving them power *against unclean spirits?*

4. Why was this power bestowed upon them?

5. Why is it withheld now?

6. What form of power is bestowed? Acts 1 : 8.

7. Which form of power would be of greater service to the minister?

8. What were the names of the apostles? v. 2–4.

9. Why were these disciples called apostles?

10. What is meant by the expression, *who also betrayed him?*

11. Did Jesus know from the first that Judas would betray him? John 6 : 64.

12. Why did he keep him in his company as an apostle?

13. What solemn lesson is taught by this?

14. What did Jesus command the apostles as he sent them forth? v. 5.

15. What is meant by the *way of the Gentiles?*

16. Who were the Samaritans?

17. What direction from Galilee were their cities?

18. Why did Jesus forbid his apostles to go to these parts?

19. When did our Lord issue a different command? Matt. 28 : 19.

20. Where should they go? v. 6.

21. Who are meant by these *lost sheep?*

22. What is the condition of the house of Israel now?

23. What were they to do as they went? v. 7.

24. What is implied in the subject of their preaching, — *the kingdom of heaven is at hand?*

25. What should they also do? v. 8.

26. How could they do this?

27. What is meant by *freely ye have received, freely give?*

28. What should they not provide? v. 9, 10.

29. What does he say of the workman? v. 10.

30. What is here meant by *scrip?*

31. Why should they not make this provision for themselves?

32. What is implied in the expression, *the workman is worthy of his meat?*

33. What should they do when they entered a city? v. 11.

34. What is here meant by *worthy?*

35. Was private hospitality the only temporary shelter in Eastern towns?

36. Why should they not go from house to house?

37. What should they do when they entered a house? v. 12.

38. What is meant by *saluting* it?

39. If the house were worthy, what should they do? v. 13.

40. If not worthy, what course should they take? v. 13.

41. What is implied in this direction?

42. How should they conduct themselves when not received? v. 14.

43. What is signified by this Oriental act?

44. What judgment does he pronounce upon such house or city? v. 15.

45. What is the meaning of *tolerable?*

46. What punishment had been visited upon Sodom and Gomorrah?

47. What is meant by the day of judgment?

48. Why would the sin of those who rejected the disciples of Jesus be greater than that of the people of Sodom?

49. What lesson should we learn from this?

LESSON XXXVII.

Sept. 14.

Jesus and John. Matt. 11 : 1–11.

Golden Text. — "Ye sent unto John, and he bare witness unto the truth. . . . He was a burning and a shining light." — John 5 : 33, 35.

1. How had Jesus been engaged? v. 1.

2. Where did he then go? v. 1.

3. What is meant by *commanding* his disciples?
4. Where had he been staying? Chap. 9: 1.
5. What places are meant by *their* cities?
6. Where was John? v. 2.
7. What had he heard? v. 2.
8. What did he do? v. 2.
9. What are here meant by the *works* of Christ?
10. What question did he ask through them? v. 3.
11. What did he mean by *he that should come?*
12. What did Jesus tell them to do? v. 4.
13. What had happened in their presence? v. 5.
14. What had the prophets said of the Messiah? Isa. 35: 4–6.
15. How, then, did these miracles answer John's question?
16. Wherever Jesus is, will the poor be remembered by his church?
17. What further did Jesus say? v. 6.
18. What is implied in not being *offended* in him?
19. Upon whom does the same blessing now rest?
20. As they departed, what did Jesus say? v. 6.
21. How did he answer the question? v. 7.
22. To whom does he refer?

23. What is meant by *a reed shaken with the wind?*

24. What other question does he ask and answer? v. 8.

25. What is here meant by *soft raiment?*

26. What by the reference to kings' houses?

27. What was John's clothing and character?

28. What further does our Lord say of him? v. 9.

29. In what sense was he *more than a prophet?*

30. Whom does our Lord declare him to be? v. 10.

31. Where is this written? Mal. 3 : 1.

32. What position among men does John hold? v. 11.

33. Who is greater than he? v. 11.

34. In what sense was John greater than all others?

35. How may the least disciple of Jesus be said to be greater than he?

LESSON XXXVIII.

Sept. 21.

The Gracious Call. Matt. 11 : 25–30.

GOLDEN TEXT. — "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." — John 6 : 37.

1. What remarkable thanksgiving did Jesus offer? v. 25.

2. What is meant by *hid these things from the wise and prudent?*

3. Why should Jesus rejoice over this?

4. What is here meant by revealing them to *babes?*

5. Does God still reveal truth that the learned stumble over, to the humble, and even to children?

6. How is this revelation made?

7. Why had God done so? v. 26.

8. What is meant by *so it seemed good in thy sight?*

9. What had been placed in his hands? v. 27.

10. Who only knew the Son? v. 27.

11. Who the Father? v. 27.

12. Who is here meant by the *Father?*

13. What is signified by *all things being delivered* unto the Son?

14. For what did this give him authority? v. 28.

15. In what sense does no man know the Son?

16. What must be the character of the Son, if he can fully comprehend the Father?

17. How does the Son reveal the Father to his disciples?

18. What is the gracious call? v. 28.

19. In what sense do we *come to him?*

20. What is meant by *labor and heavy-laden* here?

21. What kind of rest is this that Jesus gives? v. 29.

22. What does he enjoin upon them? v. 29.

23. What is meant by taking his yoke?

24. How can we learn of him?

25. What is implied in his being *meek and lowly in heart?*

26. What assurance does this give us of rest?

27. What does he say of his yoke and burden? v. 30.

28. What is the meaning of this?

29. Is it easier to be a Christian than to continue in sin?

30. Have we any excuse if we do not come to him? Golden text.

LESSON XXXIX.

Sept. 28.

Review.

GOLDEN TEXT. — "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." — 1 Tim. 1 : 15.

1. Who saw a remarkable star when Jesus was born?
2. Where were they led by it?
3. What king heard of this star, and was troubled?
4. Why did he fear the birth of Jesus?
5. What steps did he take to destroy him?
6. How was Jesus saved?
7. Where did Jesus dwell for thirty years?
8. Of whom did he seek baptism as he began to preach?
9. Who was this John Baptist?
10. What is the last thing we have heard of him in our lessons?
11. What happened to Jesus immediately after his baptism?
12. Can you give the three temptations in your own language?

13. How did Jesus answer and conquer the Devil?

14. Where did Jesus dwell and preach most of the time during his ministry?

15. Where did he pronounce the beatitudes?

16. Can you give the different blessings he pronounced?

17. What form of prayer did he teach his disciples?

18. To what did he liken a person that not only hears, but obeys, his words?

19. To what, one that only hears?

20. By what miracle did Jesus show his power to forgive sin?

21. How many apostles did he appoint?

22. Can you give their names?

23. How did Jesus convince John that he was the Messiah?

24. What power does Jesus say has been committed into his hands?

25. What gracious call does he utter?

26. What kind of rest does he bestow?

27. What is necessary on our part to secure it?

28. What is the blessed truth contained in the *golden text?*

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LESSON XL.

Oct. 5.

Parable of the Sower. Matt. 13 : 18–23.

GOLDEN TEXT. — "Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves." — James 1 : 22.

1. Where did Jesus on a certain day go from his house? v. 1.
2. Where was he now dwelling? Chap. 9 : 1.
3. Who were gathered to him? v. 2.
4. What was he obliged to do? v. 2.
5. Where did the multitudes remain? v. 2.
6. In what did he speak to them? v. 3.
7. What is a parable?
8. How common was its use in the East?
9. What parable did he first pronounce? v. 3.

10. Why did Jesus say he spake in parables? v. 11–15.

11. What did he mean by this?

12. What did he proceed to expound to his disciples? v. 18.

13. How does he describe the wayside hearer? v. 19.

14. What is meant by the *word of the kingdom?*

15. Who is referred to by the *wicked one?*

16. How can he *catch away that which was sown?*

17. Ought we to carefully watch after hearing the truth, lest our impressions be dissipated?

18. How does he describe the stony place hearer? v. 20.

19. What does this hearer lack? v. 21.

20. What is the result? v. 21.

21. What is meant by his *having no root in himself?*

22. Is tribulation or persecution necessarily an occasion of falling away? 2 Cor. 4: 17.

23. What is here meant by being *offended?*

24. What does our Lord say of him that received seed among thorns? v. 22.

25. What are here meant by *thorns?*

26. How do worldly care and riches *choke the word?*

27. What does Jesus say in Mark 10: 23–25?

28. How may wealth be made a means of grace?

29. What is said of the seed in *good ground*? v. 23.

30. What is here meant by *understanding* the word?

31. What, by bearing *fruit*?

32. Have we the means of determining the character of the soil of our hearts into which the good seed falls?

LESSON XLI.

Oct. 12.

Walking on the Sea. Matt. 14: 22–33.

GOLDEN TEXT. — "But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer: it is I: be not afraid." — Matt. 14: 27.

1. Of whose death had Jesus heard? v. 8–12.

2. Where did he go? v. 13.

3. What great miracle did he perform here? v. 15–21.

4. What did he immediately direct his disciples to do? v. 22.

5. What did he mean by the *other side?*

6. Why would the multitude be disposed to linger?

7. What did he do after their departure? v. 23.

8. How long did he remain in the mountain? v. 23.

9. What lesson does this event in Christ's life teach us?

10. Where was the ship at this time? v. 24.

11. What was the occasion of their delay? v. 24.

12. When did Jesus come to them? v. 25.

13. How did he approach them? v. 25.

14. At what hour was the *fourth watch?*

15. How were the disciples affected by his appearance? v. 26.

16. What did they say? v. 26.

17. How did they manifest their fear? v. 26.

18. Why did they fear to see him?

19. What made them think it was a spirit?

20. Do these incidents confirm the authenticity of the miracle?

21. How did Jesus address them? v. 27.

22. Does there ever a sorrow come to his disciples that Jesus is not in it?

23. Need any trouble overwhelm them if they trust in him?

24. What did Peter say? v. 28.
25. What answer did he receive? v. 29.
26. What did Peter do? v. 29.
27. How was Peter enabled to do this?
28. What affrighted him? v. 30.
29. As he sank, how did he cry out? v. 30.
30. Will such a cry from a sinking penitent fail to move the heart of the Saviour?
31. What did Jesus do? v. 31.
32. What did he say to him? v. 31.
33. Whose power had he *doubted?*
34. What immediately occurred? v. 32.
35. What did those that were in the ship do? v. 33.
36. What did they say? v. 33.
37. What is meant by *worshipped?*
38. Did Jesus forbid their worship?
39. What is the meaning of *thou art the Son of God?*

LESSON XLII.

Oct. 19.

The Cross foretold. Matt. 16 : 21–28.

GOLDEN TEXT. — "Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me." — Matt. 16 : 24.

1. What did Jesus now begin to show his disciples? v. 21.

2. What is here meant by, *show his disciples?*

3. How did Jesus know what was before him?

4. What is implied in his suffering *many things?*

5. Did our Lord do any thing to provoke the treatment he received from the chief priests?

6. Why did he submit to it?

7. What interest have we in his sufferings?

8. What did Peter do to him? v. 22.

9. What did he say to him? v. 22.

10. What is meant by the expression, *took him?*

11. What by, *began to rebuke him?*

12. What did he mean by saying, *This shall not be unto thee?*

13. What intimation does this incident give us of the character of Peter?

14. How did Jesus address him? v. 23.

15. Why did he call him Satan?

16. What is implied in the expression, *Thou art an offence unto me?*

17. How had his words *savored* of men rather than of God?

18. Will Christ take care of his own cause if his disciples are faithful to him?

19. What did Jesus then say to his disciples? v. 24.

20. What is implied in *coming after him?*

21. What is it to deny one's self?

22. What is the *cross* that we are to take up?

23. In what sense do we *follow* Jesus?

24. What does he say about saving and losing one's life? v. 25.

25. What is the meaning of this?

26. Have many found life by losing it for Jesus' sake?

27. What solemn questions does he ask? v. 26.

28. What is it to *lose* the soul?

29. Why would the whole world be no compensation?

30. How will the Son of man hereafter come? v. 27.

31. What will he do? v. 27.

32. What is meant by the *glory of his Father?*

33. What, by rewarding men *according to their works?*

34. When will this take place?

35. What did he say of some persons present? v. 28.

36. To what event did he refer? Chap. 17 : 1, 2.

37. How did the transfiguration fulfil this promise?

LESSON XLIII.

Oct. 26.

The Transfiguration. Matt. 17 : 1–8.

GOLDEN TEXT. — "And, when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only."—Matt. 17: 8.

1. How long after the incident recorded in the last lesson did the one given in this occur? v. 1.

2. How long is the time stated to have been in Luke 9 : 28?

3. How do you reconcile the two accounts?

4. Whom did Jesus take with him? v. 1.

5. Where did he go? v. 1.

6. Why did he take but three of the apostles?

7. On what other occasion were these three taken with him? Mark 5: 37; 14: 33.

8. What mountain is this supposed to have been?

9. What happened to him there? v. 2.

10. How great a change took place? v. 2.

11. What is the meaning of *transfigured?*

12. What caused this brilliancy in his face and raiment?

13. Was Christ's appearance then a representation of the appearance of saints in the immortal state?

14. Who appeared unto them? v. 3.

15. Who were Moses and Elias?

16. Of what was their present appearance an assurance?

17. Does their recognition by the apostles permit the inference that we shall recognize friends in heaven?

18. Does their interest in Christ's work justify the inference that departed saints may still be engaged in his service?

19. What did Peter say? v. 4.

20. What did he propose? v. 4.

21. What made it so good to be there?

22. Why did he wish to build the tabernacles?

23. Would visions of heaven be apt to make life wearisome to the believer?

24. What happened while he spake? v. 5.

25. What did the voice say? v. 5.

26. What was this cloud that overshadowed them?

27. How did the apostles feel as it gathered around them? Luke 9: 34.

28. Whose voice was this?

29. Where had it been heard before?

30. What was the significance of it now in the presence of Moses and Elias?

31. How did it affect the apostles? v. 6.

32. Why were they so overwhelmed?

33. What did Jesus do and say? v. 7.

34. Will the presence of Jesus always soothe?

35. When they opened their eyes whom did they see? v. 8.

LESSON XLIV.

Nov. 2.

Jesus and the Young. Matt. 19: 13–22.

GOLDEN TEXT. — "I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me." — Prov. 8: 17.

1. Who were brought to Jesus? v. 13.

2. For what purpose? v. 13.

3. Who objected to this? v. 13.

4. How do we know they were very young children? Mark 10 : 16.

5. Why did they desire to have his hands placed upon them?

6. What is implied in their asking him to *pray?*

7. How may Christian parents follow this example?

8. What benefit will result from it to them and their children?

9. Why, probably, did the disciples rebuke those that brought them?

10. Is there much of the same distrust now of the wisdom of bringing young children to Jesus?

11. Should we be satisfied with simply training them at home and in Sunday school?

12. What did Jesus say? v. 14.

13. What is implied in the term *suffer?*

14. What did he mean by saying, *Of such is the kingdom of heaven?*

15. What did he do for them? v. 15.

16. What is implied *in his laying his hands on them?*

17. Ought we to be more anxious to secure this for our children than any earthly blessing?

18. How did a person address him who came to him? v. 16.

19. What is implied in the question, *What good thing?*

20. What answer did Jesus make to him? v. 17.

21. What did he mean by saying, *There is none good but one?*

22. Does he imply that he is not God in the question?

23. How much does our Lord embrace in the direction to *keep the commandments?*

24. Can any one keep the spirit of them without a regenerated heart?

25. What question did this person then ask? v. 18.

26. What was the answer of Jesus? v. 18, 19.

27. A duty to whom do these commandments embrace?

28. What commandments are not referred to in the list?

29. What was the young man's response? v. 20.

30. Was not his moral condition apparently hopeful?

31. In view of the manner in which the interview closed, what may we learn from his case?

32. What did Jesus say to him? v. 21.

33. What is here meant by being perfect?

34. Why was this severe test applied to him?

35. What is meant by having *treasure* in heaven?

36. Is as unlimited a submission required of all?

37. What did the young man do? v. 22.

38. Why? v. 22.

39. Why was he *sorrowful?*

40. Had he properly estimated the value of eternal life?

41. When is the true hour in life to give the heart to Christ? Golden text.

LESSON XLV.

Nov. 9.

Hosanna to the Son of David. Matt. 21 : 8–16.

GOLDEN TEXT. — "Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest." — Matt. 21 : 9.

1. What city was Jesus approaching? v. 1.

2. Who gathered around him as he rode in? v. 8.

3. What did they do? v. 8.

4. What was signified by these acts?

5. What portion of their garments did they spread before him?

6. What did the multitudes cry? v. 9.

7. Whom did they mean by the *Son of David?*

8. What is the signification of *hosanna?*

6. What is meant by *in the highest?*

10. Whom did they declare Christ to be in this joyful worship?

11. What impression was made as he entered the city? v. 10.

12. What so stirred the city?

13. What response was made to the question, Who is this? v. 11.

14. Why did they give him this title?

15. Whither did Jesus go? v. 12.

16. What did he do here? v. 12.

17. What part of the temple was this?

18. Why were these traders here?

19. How could one man succeed in thus driving them out?

20. What did he say to them? v. 13.

21. Where is this written? Isa. 56: 7; Jer. 7: 10, 11.

22. In what sense had they made it *a den of thieves?*

23. Who came into the temple? v. 14.

24. What did he do for them?

25. What did the chief priests observe? v. 15.

26. How were they affected by it? v. 15.

27. Why do you think these things displeased them?

28. How are worldly men affected by the religious activity of others?

29. What did they ask Jesus? v. 16.

30. What answer did he make them? v. 16.

31. Where is this scripture found? Ps. 8: 2.

32. How did this justify the acts that were so unpleasant to the priests?

33. When Jesus comes with his reviving grace to a church, what is sure to be the result?

LESSON XLVI.

Nov. 16.

The Lord's Supper. Matt. 26: 26–30.

GOLDEN TEXT. — "For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come."— 1 Cor. 11: 26.

1. What feast did Jesus now celebrate with his disciples? v. 17.

2. Where did he partake it? v. 18.

3. What can you tell about this feast? — its origin, and of what it was the symbol.

4. While they were eating, what did Jesus do? v. 26.

5. What did he say as he gave them the bread? v. 26.

6. What is meant by his *blessing the bread?*

7. What by the expression, *This is my body?*

8. Is the material of the bread in any wise changed when consecrated at the Lord's Supper?

9. How does the broken bread bring Christ to our remembrance?

10. Can there be any thing like a fresh offering of Christ, as the Romanists teach in their mass? Heb. 10 : 12, 13.

11. What did he do and say when he took the cup? v. 27.

12. What is here meant by the *cup?*

13. What by *giving thanks?*

14. What does the word *all* refer to?

15. What did he say of it? v. 28.

16. In what sense was it *his blood?*

17. What is here meant by the *new testament?*

18. What is said in 1 John 1 : 7?

19. How does Christ's blood give *remission of sins?*

20. What is meant by its being shed for *many*?
21. What further did he say to them? v. 29.
22. What did he mean by drinking it new with them in his Father's kingdom?
23. Of what great event to come does the Lord's Supper remind us? 1 Cor. 11: 26.
24. What service followed the communion? v. 30.
25. Whither did they then go? v. 30.
26. From what selection did they sing a hymn?
27. Where was the Mount of Olives?

LESSON XLVII.

Nov. 23.

Jesus in Gethsemane. Matt. 26: 36–46.

GOLDEN TEXT. — "He went away the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass from me except I drink it, thy will be done." — Matt. 26: 42.

1. Where did Jesus come after leaving the city? v. 36.
2. What did he say to his disciples? v. 36.
3. What is the meaning of the word *Gethsemane?*

4. Why, probably, did Jesus retire to this place?

5. Whom did he take with him? v. 37.

6. What then occurred? v. 37.

7. Who were the two sons of Zebedee?

8. Why did he take only these three on this occasion?

9. What is here meant by his being *very heavy?*

10. What was the occasion of this deep distress?

11. How should the knowledge of it affect us?

12. What did he say to them? v. 38.

13. What touching request did he make? v. 38.

14. What is implied in the words, *even unto death?*

15. What is the meaning of *watch with me?*

16. What service could they render him?

17. Where did Jesus then go? v. 39.

18. What did he do? v. 39.

19. What was his prayer? v. 39.

20. What is implied in the words, *if it be possible?*

21. What, by *this cup passing from him?*

22. What is said in Heb. 5: 7?

23. How was his prayer answered?

24. What lesson does he teach us in the words, *not as I will, but as thou wilt?*

25. How did he find his disciples? v. 40.

26. What did he say to Peter? v. 40.

27. What did he enjoin upon them? v. 41.

28. What excuse does he offer for them? v. 41.

29. How will watching and prayer defend from temptation?

30. What did he mean by saying, *The spirit is willing; but the flesh is weak?*

31. What did he do and say the second time? v. 42.

32. What did he mean by *drinking* the cup?

33. How did he find them as he returned? v. 43.

34. How do you account for their weariness at this time?

35. What again occurred? v. 44.

36. What is signified by the repetition of this prayer?

37. What did he say when he came back? v. 45.

38. Why does he tell them to sleep now?

39. What is meant by the *hands of sinners?*

40. What did he then command them to do? v. 46.

41. What reason does he give? v. 46.

42 What are the lessons of this solemn scripture?

LESSON XLVIII.

Nov. 30,

Jesus before the High Priest. Matt. 26 : 59–68.

Golden Text. — "For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens."—Heb. 7 : 26.

1. By whom was Jesus betrayed? v. 47, 48.

2. How did Judas know where to find Jesus?

3. How did he point him out to the soldiers? v. 49.

4. Could Jesus have defended himself if he had desired so to do? v. 53.

5. Whither was he led? v. 57.

6. Who sought to find witnesses against Jesus? v. 59.

7. What kind of witnesses did they wish? v. 59.

8. What did they desire to do with him? v. 59.

9. What was their success with witnesses? v. 60.

10. Who finally appeared? v. 60.

11. What did they testify? v. 61.

12. What is here meant by the *temple of God?*

13. Had Jesus ever said any thing like this?

14. If he had, what wrong would he have committed?

15. What did the high priest do? v. 62.

16. What questions did he ask? v. 62.

17. How did Jesus treat these questions? v. 63.

18. How did the high priest then address him? v. 63.

19. What did he mean by, *the Christ the Son of God?*

20. What answer did Jesus make? v. 64.

21. What did he say he should afterwards see? v. 64.

22. What connection was there between this and the question of the high priest?

23. What is implied in the expression, *thou hast said?*

24. What, by *sitting on the right hand of power?*

25. What, by *coming in the clouds of heaven?*

26. For what purpose will Christ come at that time?

27. What did the high priest then do? v. 65.

28. What did he say? v. 65.

29. What was the high priest forbidden to do? Lev. 10 : 6; 21 : 10.

30. Of what was rending the garments an Oriental expression?

31. How could he make a charge of blasphemy out of Christ's words?

32. What question did he ask the council? v. 66.

33. What answer did they give? v. 66.

34. What did they then do? v. 67.

35. What did others do? v. 67.

36. What is meant by *buffeting* him?

37. What did they say as they struck him? v. 68.

38. How do the incidents of this lesson illustrate the golden text?

LESSON XLIX.

Dec. 7.

Jesus before the Governor. Matt. 27 : 11–26.

GOLDEN TEXT. — "He was oppressed and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth : he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter; and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth." — Isa. 53 : 7.

1. Before whom did Jesus stand? v. 11.
2. What did the governor ask him? v. 11.
3. What answer did Jesus make to him? v. 11.
4. What was this governor's name?
5. Why did he ask him if he was a king?
6. What did Jesus mean by intimating that he was?
7. What did he add, as given in John 18 : 36?
8. How did he treat the accusations of the Jews? v. 12.
9. Why did he remain silent under them?
10. What did Pilate say of them? v. 13.
11. How did Jesus treat his question? v. 14.
12. How was Pilate affected by this? v. 14.
13. Why did this surprise him?

14. What was the governor accustomed to do at this feast? v. 15.

15. What is meant by releasing a prisoner *unto the people?*

16. What notable prisoner had he in confinement? v. 16.

17. For what was Barabbas probably *notáble?*

18. What question did Pilate ask them? v. 17.

19. What did Pilate know? v. 18.

20. What is here the meaning of *envy?*

21. What occurred as he sat upon the judgment-seat? v. 19.

22. What had happened to his wife? v. 19.

23. What is here meant by *judgment-seat?*

24. Was this dream of Pilate's wife simply a natural occurrence?

25. How did she know he was a just man?

26. What did the chief priests and elders do? v. 20.

27. What question did the governor ask? v. 21.

28. How did the people answer? v. 21.

29. Was it because they particularly desired Barabbas?

30. When we reject Christ, are we safe from falling into any evil course?

31. What did Pilate then ask? v. 22.

32. How did they respond? v. 22.

33. Will Jesus, called Christ, be an embarrassment to any man that does not receive him as a Saviour?

34. What did the governor then say? v. 23.

35. How did the multitude persist? v. 23.

36. How can you account for this bitterness towards Christ?

37. What did Pilate see and do? v. 24.

38. What did he say? v. 24.

39. Why did he wash his hands before them?

40. What did they cry out? v. 25.

41. What did they mean by this?

42. Has that blood been upon them and their children?

43. What did Pilate then do? v. 26.

44. Why did he *scourge* him?

45. How are the words of the golden text illustrated in the conduct of Christ before Pilate?

LESSON L.

Dec. 14.

The Crucifixion. Matt. 37 : 45–54.

GOLDEN TEXT. — "And, being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." — Phil. 2 : 8.

1. How did they prepare Jesus for crucifixion? v. 28–31.

2. Who bore his cross for him? v. 32.

3. What did they do with his garments? v. 35.

4. What inscription was placed over his head? v. 37.

5. Who hung by his side? v. 38.

6. How did the spectators treat the Saviour as he hung upon the cross? v. 39–43.

7. How did the thieves? v. 44; Luke 23 : 39–43.

8. What occurred at the sixth hour? v. 45.

9. How long did it continue? v. 45.

10. What portion of the day was embraced by these hours?

11. What caused this darkness?

12. Of what was it significant?

13. What did Jesus do at the ninth hour? v. 46.

14. What scripture did our Lord repeat in his dying-hour? Ps. 22: 1.

15. At what o'clock did he die?

16. What was offered at this hour by the high priest?

17. In what language were these words uttered?

18. What did some say that stood by? v. 47.

19. Who must they have been to make this mistake?

20. What did one of them do? v. 48.

21. Was this intended to be an act of kindness?

22. Whom did they mean by Elias?

23. What did the rest say? v. 49.

24. What did Jesus then do? v. 50.

25. What occasioned this cry?

26. Was this a triumphant death?

27. Why was Stephen's so different? Acts 7: 55, 56.

28. What happened as he died? v. 51.

29. What was this *vail?* Exod. 26: 31, 33.

30. What was signified by its being rent?

31. What, by the quaking of the earth and the rending of the rocks?

32. What were opened? v. 52.

33. What then occurred? v. 52, 53.

34. What is here meant by, *the graves were opened?*

35. Who are meant by *saints?*

36. To whom did these appear? v. 53.

37. What is meant by the *holy city?*

38. How were the centurion and his company affected? v. 54.

39. What did they say? v. 54.

40. Who was this centurion?

41. What did they mean by the expression, Truly *this was the Son of God?*

42. What has the death of Jesus purchased for us?

LESSON LI.

Dec. 21.

The Resurrection. Matt. 28: 1–8.

GOLDEN TEXT.—"But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that slept."—1 Cor. 15: 20.

1. Where was Jesus placed after his crucifixion? Chap. 27: 58–60.

2. What precautions were taken to keep the body from being removed? Chap. 27: 62–66.

3. Who were the last at his grave? Chap. 27: 61.

4. When did these women return to the grave? v. 1.

5. What day of our week was this *sabbath?*

6. What do we now call the *first day?*

7. By what authority has the day been changed?

8. Why did these women come so early? Luke 24: 1.

9. What happened? v. 2.

10. Who had descended from heaven? v. 2.

11. What did he do? v. 2.

12. Was there but one angel? Luke 24: 4.

13. How do you reconcile the two accounts?

14. What was the angel's appearance? v. 3.

15. What is meant by, his countenance was *like lightning?*

16. How were the keepers affected? v. 4.

17. Who are here meant by the *keepers?*

18. What is the meaning of, became as *dead men?*

19. What did the angel say to the women? v. 5.

20. Of what would the women be likely to be afraid?

21. What did the angel say of Jesus? v. 6.

22. What did he invite them to do? v. 6.

23. When had Jesus said that he would rise again?

24. What was his object in showing them the place where he lay?

25. What did he enjoin upon them to do? v. 7.

26. Whither would Jesus go? v. 7.

27. What would happen in Galilee? v. 7.

28. What is meant by, he *goeth before you?*

29. Why did Jesus reveal himself chiefly in Galilee after his resurrection?

30. What did the women do? v. 8.

31. How were they affected? v. 8.

32. Upon what errand did they go? v. 8.

33. Why did they have this double feeling of fear and joy?

34. Of what is the resurrection of Jesus a pledge? Golden text.

35. Was the resurrection of Jesus of such a character as not to admit of reasonable doubt?

LESSON LII.

Dec. 28.

Review.

GOLDEN TEXT. — "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." — Matt. 28 : 20.

1. What classes of hearers did our Lord describe in the parable of the sower?
2. Do the same classes exist at the present day?
3. On what sea did Jesus walk?
4. Whither was he coming?
5. Who tried to walk to him on the water?
6. What was the result of his experiment?
7. Did Christ tell his disciples beforehand of his condemnation and crucifixion by the chief priests?
8. How did Peter receive his words?
9. What did Jesus say to him?
10. What wonderful scene soon after happened upon a mountain?
11. Which of the disciples were with Jesus when he was transfigured?
12. Who appeared upon the mount with Jesus?
13. What did they talk about?

14. What voice was heard from heaven?

15. What do you think was the object of the transfiguration?

16. What precious direction did Jesus give in reference to young children?

17. Why did a young man go away sorrowful from his presence?

18. How was Jesus received as he entered into Jerusalem?

19. What feast did he attend in that city?

20. What ordinance did he establish?

21. Can you relate the manner in which he celebrated it?

22. Whither did Jesus go from the Last Supper?

23. Who were with him in his great sorrow?

24. How deep was this?

25. Who betrayed Jesus to the chief priests? and how?

26. What occurred when he was led before the high priest?

27. Before what governor was he brought?

28. What happened in his presence?

29. To what form of death was he condemned?

30. Relate the circumstances of his crucifixion.

31. How long did he lie in the grave?

32. Who first knew of his resurrection?

33. How happened these women to be at his grave?

34. Of what has the resurrection of Jesus divested the grave?

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